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## LLOYD GEORGE DOMINATES CONFERENCE

### English Premier Brings French and Russian Delegates Together at His Residence

Genoa, April 14.—The Bolshevik delegates and the representatives of France to the economic conference broke bread together today at the residence of Premier Lloyd George, and there has been an appreciable rise as a consequence in the expectations that the conference may have good results, even in the most pessimistic quarters here.

The occasion for the meeting of the Soviet and French delegates at table was a conference which began at 10:30 o'clock this morning and lasted throughout the day, in which French, Russian, Belgian, Italian and British representatives participated and during which Mr. Lloyd George invited all of them to luncheon.

The meeting was called by Mr. Lloyd George for a discussion of the Russian problem with the purpose of clearing up uncertain points in the London experts' report before the Russians present their final reply to it.

This carrying of the most vital part of the business of the conference into such an informal gathering, where personal contact may possibly remove much of the animosity that has been displayed in the public sessions, has created a general feeling in conference circles that a compromise may be arranged on the Russian problem which will afford a satisfactory working basis for the reconstruction of Russia.

The keynote of the allied position at the conference today was that Russia first must satisfy past pledges before obtaining any concessions for the future. In other words, Russia must recognize the debts of the Czarist government before Soviet claims against the allies can be entertained.

Tomorrow morning the experts of the four inviting powers, who were present at today's meetings, again will gather at Mr. Lloyd George's villa, and in the afternoon they probably will be joined by the principal delegates of the five countries. Germany has not been asked to attend these private conferences, as she was not a party to the making of the London experts' report. The straightening out of the moot points in the report will be effected at informal meetings before Germany is called in. It had been expressed that Russia would make her reply to the report of the experts tomorrow, but this reply now has been postponed indefinitely.

The Russians have caused a statement to be circulated through M. Rakovsky, the Ukrainian premier, and other delegates, to the effect that Russia already has enacted laws and made court reforms and regulations affecting foreigners residing in Russia which meet many of the criticisms of the London experts' report regarding the Soviet government, and that they also have expressed a willingness to acknowledge pre-war debts and signified their purpose to erase their claims against the allies arising from the operations of the Wrangel, Denikin and Yudenitch armies against the Soviet regime if the allied war claims against Russia are wiped out.

### Russia Must Act.

London, April 14.—(By the Associated Press)—A Reuters dispatch from Paris tonight says a French semi-official statement, issued at the close of today's meeting of the "big four" of the Genoa conference, quoted Prime Minister Lloyd George as having declared that unless the Russian delegation had given a favorable reply by 11 o'clock tomorrow to the proposals presented this week the Genoa conference, so far as the Russian question was concerned, would be ended.

## MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS IN ARMENIA

Alexandropol, Armenia, April 15.—After baffling expert mountain climbers for years, the great Mount Alaghieuz, among the highest in the Caucasus has been ascended by Roy Davis, of Monticello, Ark., and R. H. Anderson, of Connecticut, college athletes. Davis was the all-around athlete at Erskine College.

## WHISKEY SURPLUS REDUCED

Bardstown, Ky., April 15.—Seven hundred twenty barrels of whiskey were destroyed by a fire believed to be of incendiary origin which destroyed the Mattingly and Moore distillery.

Belfast, April 15.—Two British warships arrived at Lough Swilly, county Donegal, London reports it as a precautionary measure in view of the Irish situation.

## IMMUNITY FOR COSSACK BUTCHER

### Semenoff Cannot Be Tried in American Court Says Federal Attorney

New York, April 16.—Neither the federal courts, the state courts, nor the military courts of the United States can now try Gen. Semenoff for murder committed in Siberia, Federal District Attorney William Hayward informed Senator Borah by telegraph tonight.

"If the army of Semenoff was recognized by our authorities at the time the murder was committed," Mr. Hayward said, "the only appeal would have been to his military superiors there.

"If his army was not recognized our military authorities had the right to capture, try and punish him at that time, but not now."

Mr. Hayward's telegram said in part:

"I have your telegram asking whether Semenoff can be held responsible for the murder of American soldiers in Siberia. He is not subject to prosecution in federal courts of the United States because his acts do not come within the well-defined limit of their territorial or admiralty jurisdiction. No state court could try him as they all depend for jurisdiction on the venue of the crime.

"The general jurisdiction of military tribunals extends beyond the army to several enumerated classes of persons, namely: camp followers, spies and those giving aid and comfort to the enemy. Semenoff, of course, falls within none of these classes. So far as I can learn he was part of an independent army acting with the contingent of the United States. If that is a correct statement of his position it would seem that he would be punishable by his own military superiors, but not by our government.

"If we recognize his army as an independent unit worthy to fight with our soldiers for whatever cause they fought in Siberia, I assume that the proper and only course was to protest to his superiors at the time and demand his punishment by them. If we did not so recognize his army he was then and there subject to capture, trial and punishment by our military forces as a guerrilla.

"Therefore, I conclude no American court can now try Semenoff. . . . We expressly denied Mexico's right in 1885 to try an American citizen for libel committed in Texas and intervened and demanded his release. See Cutting case and opinion of John Bassett Moore.

"In my opinion, Semenoff would be subject to prosecution under any government now or hereafter maintaining sovereignty over territory where the acts were committed, and by no other."

## DETROIT'S RAILWAY WAR

### Effort to End it After Thirty Years Existence

Detroit, Mich., April 17.—Detroit's special municipal election being held today will decide whether the street car war, waged continuously in one form or another for nearly 30 years is to be brought to a close.

The voters today were deciding whether the city should purchase at a cost of \$19,850,000 all the line of the Detroit United Railway within the city for incorporation in the municipal railway system. The citizens also were called upon to vote \$4,000,000 worth of street railway bonds as the first payment to the Detroit United. The remainder of the purchase price would be paid at the rate of \$1,000,000 a year, under the agreement signed some time ago by company and city officials.

The fight between the city and street railway company has come to be an institution in Detroit. It has colored virtually every municipal election for nearly a generation.

If the voters adopt the sales plan at the polls today Detroit will have the largest municipal railway in the world. The system would comprise 176 miles of track.

The effort in behalf of a municipally owned street railway system bore fruit about two years ago when the voters approved a plan for a concern intended to operate in competition with D. U. R. A. series of suits were filed by the D. U. R. contesting validity of the election. Many of them were carried to high courts of the state and nation but the city won in each case.

About 100 miles of city owned track has been laid and the municipal system has its own cars and other equipment. At present city and company owned cars are operated jointly on two important lines upon which the company franchise expired some time ago.

Saginaw, Mich., is voting for the ninth time today on a proposition to spend \$2,800,000 for a new water works system.

These days all roads lead to room.

Let's be optimistic and say that the best race to be on is the human.

## RECORD VOTE ON NAVY BILL EXPECTED

### Amendment Would Increase Enlisted Force to Eighty-Six Thousand

Washington, April 17.—The taking of a record vote in the house this week on the amendment of the navy bill increasing the enlisted force during 1923 to eighty-six thousand was assured today when the leaders announced themselves in favor of a poll.

## COOPERATION DAY PROCLAIMED

### Gov. Cooper Calls on People to Support Cooperative Marketing

Columbia, April 17.—Governor Cooper today issued a proclamation setting aside Tuesday, April 25 as "Cooperation Day" in South Carolina and calling upon the business of the state to assist that day in the campaign to secure signatures to the cotton co-operative marketing contract.

An effort will be made to have every merchant and business man in South Carolina close up his place of business on that day and go out with committees of farmers and canvass for contracts.

The proclamation issued by the governor follows:

Whereas, South Carolina is essentially an agricultural state, depending in large measure for her prosperity and material progress on the cultivation and selling of cotton and

Whereas, the growers of cotton in our state have for many years followed a wasteful, hazardous and unbusinesslike method of selling their product, which method has resulted in the loss of thousands of dollars and the consequent impoverishment of our people, the establishment of low standards of living in hundreds of our homes, and in poorly equipped schools and

Whereas, leading farmers and business men of our state have under way a movement looking to the orderly and efficient marketing of our chief money crop and the improvement of our financial conditions, and

Whereas, the success of this movement depends upon the wholehearted co-operation of all of our people

Therefore, I, Robert A. Cooper, governor of the state of South Carolina do hereby call upon all the business men of our state to devote one day, April 25, to assisting in every way possible in securing the signatures of cotton growers to the co-operative marketing contracts, believing that such a system of selling will be of great benefit to our producers and indirectly to all of our people.

## MARRIED WOMEN'S VOTES

### Registration Certificates Obtained Before Marriage Are Valid

Columbia, April 17.—Marriage after registration will not disqualify any South Carolina woman from voting, according to an opinion rendered by Assistant Attorney General J. M. Daniel for the Lancaster county board of registration.

The question arose in connection with the registration of a woman voter of Lancaster. W. F. Estridge, secretary of the registration board, wrote the attorney general's office and stated that a woman voter had registered before her marriage. She later got married and her name was changed, being then different from the name on the registration certificate. "Shall we change the name on the registration books, register her again or what?" the registration board asked.

In passing on the question the attorney general's office holds that the right to vote though acquired when a woman is single, is not lost when she marries, any more than her rights as to separate property are lost when she marries. "To hold otherwise would be to make marriage an act disqualifying a person as an elector," says the assistant attorney general's opinion.

The attorney's opinion also holds that there is no statute by which a woman can be required to re-register after her marriage.

## CONFERENCES BECOMING HABIT

### Experts Believe That at Least Two More Will Be Necessary

Genoa, April 17.—Experts and delegates alike are agreed that probably it will be necessary to have two more conferences, at least, before peace is restored in Europe and financial reconstruction becomes possible. This question is uppermost in the minds of delegates to the economic conference.

## Dorothy Clark on Honeymoon



Dorothy Clark, 17, actress, whose mother is suing Herbert Rawlinson movie star, for \$200,000 charging he attacked Dorothy, is spending her honeymoon in Boston with her husband, Karl L. Elms. She denies the charges of her mother and declares that Rawlinson has always been a respectful friend.

## VERDICT IN FAVOR OF FURMAN COTTON MARKETING CAMPAIGN

### Waller Subscription is Held Valid and Terms Ordered To Be Carried Out

Greenwood, April 13.—A direct verdict in favor of Furman University was returned late yesterday in the case of Furman University vs. the Estate of C. A. C. Waller, in the court of common pleas here. Furman University had brought suit for \$9,300 against Hunter Gibbs, of Columbia, and Dr. C. B. Waller, of Spartanburg, as administrators of the estate of C. A. C. Waller, alleging that the late C. A. C. Waller had pledged \$10,000 to Furman in the Baptist \$75,000,000 campaign, only \$100 of which had ever been paid.

The verdict returned read: "We find for the plaintiff that the subscription was valid and that there is now past due \$2,100."

The terms of the subscription were that \$100 should be paid in cash and \$1,200 a year until the fifth year, when \$4,000 in cash should be paid. The plaintiff was represented by Haysworth & Haysworth, of Greenville, and Tillman, Mays & Featherstone, of Greenwood. The defendants were represented by Grier & Park, of Greenwood.

## NO NEW TRIAL FOR BIGHAM

### United States Supreme Court Refuses to Order Rehearing of Case

Florence, April 14.—Word was received from Washington this afternoon that the United States supreme court had denied the petition of Edmund D. Bigham for a rehearing of his case, which means that the conviction and sentence of death in the circuit court will stand. A. L. King, attorney for Bigham, stated that he would exhaust every resource of law, and it is likely that the case will find its way eventually to the supreme court of the United States.

Bigham was convicted for the murder of his brother, L. Snidley Bigham. He is also indicted for the murder of his mother, his sister and the latter's two adopted children. The murder was committed at a plantation near Pamphlet in January, 1921.

## LEWIS SAYS MINERS ARE UNITED

### Says Great Strike Will Not Be Negotiated by Districts

Springfield, Ill., April 15.—Disclaiming responsibility for the miners for the Illinois coal industry, John L. Lewis, president of the miners, declared in an address principles at issue in the great strike will not be compromised by the mine workers. He said the operators' dream that miners will engage in multiplicity conferences and negotiate independent district agreements will not materialize.

## CRISIS IN IRELAND

London, April 15.—Developments in Ireland over Easter are anxiously awaited in view of Republican sentiments of four Corps in Dublin and Arthur Griffith's determination to hold promptly meeting at Shelton tomorrow over a decree of the local Irish Republican army command. Newspapers describe the situation as serious.

## SENATORIAL RACE IN IOWA

Chicago, April 15.—Clifford Thorne, has resigned as general counsel of the American Farm Bureau Federation. He will run for the Republican nomination for the United States senate from Iowa.

## SLEPT ON R. R. TRACK

Fort Worth, Texas, April 15.—Three men were killed while sleeping on the tracks of the Texas and Pacific railroad near Trille. A freight train passing over their bodies.

## STILL IN DEADLOCK AT GENOA

### Soviet Delegation Presents Bill For 50,000,000,000 Gold Rubles to Allies

Genoa, April 15.—The deadlock between the Russian and Allied delegations to the economic conference relative to the proposals for resumption of friendly relations with Russia continued tonight. The afternoon conversations ended with the delegates clinging to their respective positions.

## Present Bill.

Paris, April 15 (By the Associated Press).—A Havas agency dispatch from Genoa tonight said the Genoa Soviet conference presented a bill of 50,000,000,000 gold rubles to the allies late today.

The bill was made up of 35,000,000,000 gold rubles, said the dispatch for damages suffered in Russia from the expeditions of Denikin, Kolchak, Yudenitch and Wrangel, and 15,000,000,000 for other damages, including the loss of Bessarabia to Rumania. The dispatch added that the Soviet delegates claimed that while recognizing Russia's pre-war debt they were not creditors to the allies and not debtors.

Prime Minister Lloyd George, the Havas dispatch asserted, informed the Russians that their claim was inadmissible and their contract to all reason and justice. It said he requested them to reconsider and bring in a reply favorably to the allied demands, otherwise there was no object in continuing the Genoa conference, so far as Russia was concerned.

## German Satisfied.

Genoa, April 15 (By the Associated Press).—Dr. Walter Rathenau, the German delegate, expressed his satisfaction today with the good feeling displayed at the conference; it indicated that European countries were again thinking of themselves as parts of Europe, as a whole, rather than as friends or enemies of certain countries and members of certain alliances.

Settlement of the Russian problem in his opinion, would help the reconstruction of Europe, but he called attention to the fact that 4,500,000 men were under arms in Europe now as against 3,500,000 before the war, and that Europe was entangled in a chain of debts, which the conference could not untangle while pledged not to touch land disarmament and reparations.

Genoa, April 15 (By the Associated Press).—The discussion between the Allied leaders and the Russian delegates today centered on three points.

First, debts; second, war private property; and third, restitution of private property.

With regard to the first, the Russians explained they called the "confused condition" of their people, who believed they had made a new world out of chaos and after a terrible convulsion. If the powers asked them to pay their old debts, it would blight the hopes of the Russian people.

The allied leaders explained that the pre-war debts were not due primarily to governments but to individuals, chiefly French. They insisted that no government had the right to wipe out the claims of foreign individuals.

The opinion was expressed tonight that no difficulty would be encountered in settling the pre-war debts. Generally speaking the French seemed less optimistic than the British in telling of the progress of the allied meetings with the Russians. The French were of the opinion that the Bolsheviks were disposed to give battle at every point raised and postpone definite answers.

In discussing the second point, war debts, the allies said this was something where the governments were in a position to negotiate. They did not want to be unreasonable, because they realized the appalling state of Russia and did not desire to press Russia unduly. But the signature of the Russian government must be respected.

The Russians rejoined by citing damages caused by foreign military expeditions into Russia.

On the third point, restitution of private property, the Allied leaders admitted this would be accompanied by great difficulties, nevertheless they must insist on the principle. The Russians emphasized the difficulties growing out of the fact that everything in Russia is nationalized. They asked how it was possible to restore a mine now under water.

## Government Wins Shoe Machine Case

Washington, April 17.—The government won the suit in the Supreme Court in case brought by the United Shoe Machinery Corporation and others to set aside a restraining order prohibiting the use of certain lease clauses in contracts for the rental of patented machinery.

The most important matter in the world is grain.

## MONEY POWERS CHARGED

### Combination Said to Control Railroads, Mines, Banks and Other Industries

Washington, April 17.—The existence of an industrial, railway and banking combination, headed by J. P. Morgan & Company and in control of railroads, coal mines, banks, and steel and other industrial enterprises, was charged before the senate interstate commerce committee by W. Jett Lauck, economist of the American federation of labor.

## DUBLIN CENTER OF STRIFE

### Armed Men Seize Public Building in Center of City

Dublin, April 14 (By the Associated Press).—Early this morning the biggest coup yet effected by the anti-treaty party was carried out. Some 300 armed men marching in two forces seized the Four Courts building, formerly the seat of the national court of justice, and the Four Courts hotel nearby. No opposition was encountered. Two or three constables on duty were arrested, but were liberated later.

Guests at the hotel were ejected and the two buildings were fortified, service, filling sand bags and piling up stacks of books and documents. The seizure was reminiscent of Easter week, 1916, when the same buildings were besieged and similarly fortified.

Great alarm was caused in Dublin when the events of the early morning became known, lasting until the explanations were vouchsafed by the anti-treaty men and the building had been taken because they were more fitted for their headquarters than the present headquarters in Rutland square.

This explanation, however, failed to reassure many people who are apprehensive that the adjournment yesterday of the peace conference may prove significant especially, as it is alleged that the independents gave no guarantee that acts of violence would be avoided.

Commandant O'Connor reiterated tonight his assurance that there would be no revolution; that the only reason for the seizures was that the Rutland square premises were too small for headquarters.

Four hundred men occupied the seized buildings tonight, many of them having arrived in the course of the day from the country districts in cars and lorries.

A van load of bread was seized in the street for the use of the occupants. Strong guards have been posted outside the court.

The provisional and British military authorities in Dublin castle were notified of the seizure, but up to tonight no action had been taken.

## FATAL SHOOTING NEAR VARNVILLE

### Ben Johnson is Dead, Young Abe Peoples Under Arrest

Varnville, April 16.—Ben Johnson is dead and Abe Peoples is accused of killing him, the shooting having occurred in the Mount Carmel section near here last night about 9 o'clock. Both men are white and are well known here. Mr. Johnson was shot by once, the bullet from a pistol, entering near his heart. Death, it is said, was almost instantaneous. Sheriff C. V. Thomas and his deputy were notified about 11 o'clock last night and going to the scene of the tragedy arrested Peoples. An inquest was held today and the verdict was that Mr. Johnson came to his death by a gunshot wound at the hands of Abe (Young Abe) Peoples. No statement has been made by Peoples. It is alleged that the men began joking at a table at the home of one of the Peoples and ended in the shooting. The deceased was married to a relative of Peoples, it is said.

## TORNADO IN ILLINOIS

### One Person Killed and Scores Injured at Irvington

Centralia, April 17.—Seven were killed and about thirty-five injured by a tornado in this section.

## EGG ROLLING AT WHITE HOUSE

Washington, April 17.—Threats of rain did not deter thousands of children from flocking to the White House grounds for the Easter egg rolling. President and Mrs. Harding ordered the marine band to furnish a concert.

## Thousands of Children Flock to Grounds, Marine Band Furnishes Concert

Washington, April 17.—Threats of rain did not deter thousands of children from flocking to the White House grounds for the Easter egg rolling. President and Mrs. Harding ordered the marine band to furnish a concert later for the elders.

## AMERICA ACCOMPLISHES IMPOSSIBLE

### Back of the World's Greatest Famine is Broken by American Relief Organization

London, April 15.—America has broken the back of the biggest famine in the world's history according to the Easter message sent to America by Walter Lyman Brown, the European director of the American relief administration. Two million children are being fed while plans are being initiated to feed five million adults. There is no parallel in history for the task that America has undertaken in the Volga valley, he said.

## YOUNG MEN'S BUSINESS LEAGUE

### Monthly Luncheon and Business Meeting at Claremont Hotel

The monthly luncheon of the Young Men's Business League was eaten at the Hotel Claremont Thursday. After the lunch had been disposed of various reports were heard; Mr. J. A. McKnight told of the acres being planted in this county this year in truck, and the number who had joined the trucking association. Mr. F. M. Moise told of the tobacco co-operative selling movement and how it affected the warehousing proposition in Sumter. Mr. Brice Waters told of the lines followed in the endeavor to found a box and crate factory in Sumter. President H. A. Moses gave a brief review of the activities of the League during the past month.

Mr. Waters was urged to have his group continue its work for a box and crate factory, and also to have it consult with any that might be interested in starting a furniture factory here; all League members who are interested in this latter project were asked to confer with Mr. Waters and give him the benefit of their knowledge along this line.

The League endorsed the movement toward co-operative tobacco marketing and expressed the belief that the work should be pushed of having tobacco growers join in this movement. The president was authorized to appoint committees to this end. The president brought out the point that it seemed that nothing was being done toward the building of potato curing houses in this county; he asked a members to encourage in every way this movement, especially the development of co-operative curing houses. The League endorsed the appointment of committees to further this work.

Other matters were briefly discussed; the lunch and meeting lasted but a few minutes over the hour the League allows itself for each meeting.

## LEVER QUILTS POLITICS FOR BUSINESS

### Former Congressman Resigns From Farm Loan Board

Columbia, April 17.—Considerable interest throughout the state attaches to the plans announced for the formation of the new joint stock land bank organized for Columbia, of which A. F. Lever, former member of Congress, is to be president. The bank will open shortly in Columbia, quarters having been secured in the Palmetto bank building.

The federal farm loan board, which was formed with private capital, to lend moneys on farm lands, and to be a part of the federal system.

J. Pope Matthews, of Columbia, and Frank Houston, vice president of the Chemical National Bank of New York, are vice presidents; A. W. McLean, of the war finance corporation in Washington; W. E. Drake, of the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, N. C.; A. M. Lumpkin, of Columbia; and R. H. Weber, of Watkins & Co., 7 Wall Street, are additional directors. Thomas & Lumpkin, of Columbia, are attorneys.

The initial capital of the bank is \$250,000. Announcement of Mr. Lever's resignation from the federal farm loan board is received in Columbia today.

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