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ALLIES WILL FORCE GERMANY TO COMPLY

French and Belgian Troops to Move if Terms Are Rejected.

FLEET TO BLOCKADE PORT OF HAMBURG

Proposals to Apply Economic and Military Pressure in Causing Enemy to Meet Reparations Demands Outlined at Conference.

London, Feb. 27. (By the Associated Press.)—On the virtual eve of the allied conference with the Germans on reparations and disarmament questions, the two principal allied military chiefs, Marshal Foch of France and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, the British chief of staff, spent the week-end by invitation with Lloyd George and Premier Briand of France in their seclusion at Chequers Court, the new country home of the prime minister of England.

The purpose of the consultation was to reduce to definite form the various proposals for the application of military and economic pressure sufficient to change the mind of Germany, should her government refuse the reparations terms of the allies.

While one aspect of the question is a dramatic warning to Germany that the invasion of some parts of her territory may follow a refusal of compliance on her part, another is that the French government which would have to supply most of the troops desires to be in a position to act suddenly should the moment requiring action arrive.

To Blockade Port

The general plan considered, of which many collateral features require examination, is understood to provide for a northward movement by Belgian troops which would occupy Doortmund, while the French would reoccupy Frankfurt and penetrate the country beyond to a considerable depth, possibly as far as Munich, while a fleet would blockade the port of Hamburg. They declared objects of these movements would be to enforce the military clauses of the treaty and secure the disarmament of the Bavarian einwohnerwehr.

The action taken would thus be based not upon the disputed economic demands, but upon the violated armament sections of the treaty. In these circumstances the allies, it is pointed out, would not have to wait until May 1, the date before which the allies must inform Germany how much she must pay in reparations and after which Germany, under the treaty, may argue her case before the reparations commission. By basing their case upon the disarmament treaty, the sponsors of the plan argue.

Not Notified Yet.

The German government has not been notified that the principal points on the program will be disarmament, the punishment of war criminals and reparations. Disarmament may be the first subject to be taken up and Maj. Gen. Von Seeckt, the German chief of staff and a member of the official delegation, is coming to London to answer the representations under this head.

Among the forms of economic pressure which might be applied to Germany, now under discussion, is the setting up of a new customs frontier to separate occupied Germany from

the remainder of the empire. One of the perplexities to the conferees brought out by this proposition is the question as to what attitude the American government would take and what instruction would be sent to Major General Allen who is both the military commander of the American forces on the Rhine and chief commissioner for civil affairs in the district.

Paris, Feb. 27.—In an editorial today on the subject of the London conference with the Germans, beginning March 1, The Temps declares that France, while fearless over the possible consequences of a rupture, sincerely desires that an agreement be reached with the Germans.

Immediately opposite this editorial The Temps prints its comment on the army budget voted by the French chamber yesterday, in which the newspaper says:

"Germany's attitude forces France, for some time at least, to be ready for any eventuality, which must be met fearlessly. We must have an army strong enough to cause the rights of France, as outlined by the treaty of Versailles, to be respected and enforced. Germany, when she signed the treaty, admitted defeat but today she is attempting dilatory tactics. We must have an army strong enough to make Germany keep her promises and make good her word."

Berlin, Feb. 27.—The eight German delegates to the conference with the allies in London, headed by Foreign Minister Simons and accompanied by a staff of some 57 secretaries and clerks and a party of seven German newspaper men, left Berlin unostentatiously at noon today on a special train, en route to England, Chancellor Fehrenbach and Dr. Simons both appeared, to be in especially good spirits, laughing and joking as the photographers snapped the farewell scene.

KING NICHOLAS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Antibes, France, March 1.—King Nicholas of Montenegro died here today.

The queen of Italy, daughter of Nicholas, has been advised of the death of her father and she and King Victor Emmanuel are expected to come here for the funeral.

Nicholas I of Montenegro was born in October, 1841. He was proclaimed prince of Montenegro as successor to his uncle, Danilo I in 1860 and assumed the title of king under a resolution adopted unanimously by the national skupstina in 1910 on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his accession.

During the late war Montenegro participated on the side of the allies. When the armistice was signed the Serbians ordered elections for the national assembly and when the assembly met in 1918 it declared itself in favor of deposition of Nicholas and the reigning dynasty. Shortly afterward the assembly voted for the union of Montenegro with the Yugoslav state of the kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, Nicholas and his cabinet since that time have been in France and final decision as to the status of Montenegro lies with the peace conference.

MAN IN SUMTER DIES OF WOUNDS

J. B. Knowles Slain by C. C. Cooper—Shoots Five Times—Men on Friendly Terms Get in Quarrel and Resort to Firearms.

Sumter, March 1.—J. B. Knowles died this afternoon at the Toumey hospital from wounds received in a fight last night with C. C. Cooper. The verdict from the coroner's jury inquest declared that Knowles came to his death from gunshot wounds received at the hands of C. C. Cooper. Several eye witnesses gave testimony of the affair which occurred last night, just by the two little stores belonging to Cooper and on

the lot with his home, one a grocery store, by Weatherly, the other a market by Knowles, Cooper and Knowles were known to have been on friendly terms and had been joking just before they began disputing with one another. Both men were said to have been drinking. It was not long before the dispute led to cursing, then fighting, and Cooper drew a pistol, shooting five times. Knowles was rushed to the hospital where 13 intestinal perforations were found. His life was despaired of from the beginning and he lingered only until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The fatal quarrel grew out of an incident connected with the burning of a truck in front of the little stores,

when the truck was being filled from a gasoline tank. It was said by bystanders that when various ones were working over the fire, Knowles inquired from Cooper if Cooper were not going to assist in putting it out and from that bickering grew into something worse.

Mr. Cooper is a Sumter man, a patent medicine distributor. He has a wife and two children. Bail has been applied for but so far he is in the county jail. It was stated at the inquest that he was not in the habit of carrying firearms.

Mr. Knowles had been living in the city but eight months, coming here from Columbus, Ga. His wife and son are still living in Columbus, not having moved here yet.

blood poisoning is expected. G will be held without bail pending result of Henry's condition.

PANAMA MAKES DEFENSE

Panama, March 1. (By the Associated Press.)—An extraordinary session of the assembly was held afternoon, when the following national defense measures were posed. An appropriation of \$50,000 the purpose of arms and ammunition authorization to the president to and equip an army up to the strength the president may deem necessary authorization for the flotation of international loan to the amount of \$500,000, secured by the proceeds of the national lottery.

The measures were sent to the committee with the expectation of a favorable report tomorrow, with mediate final action by the assembly.

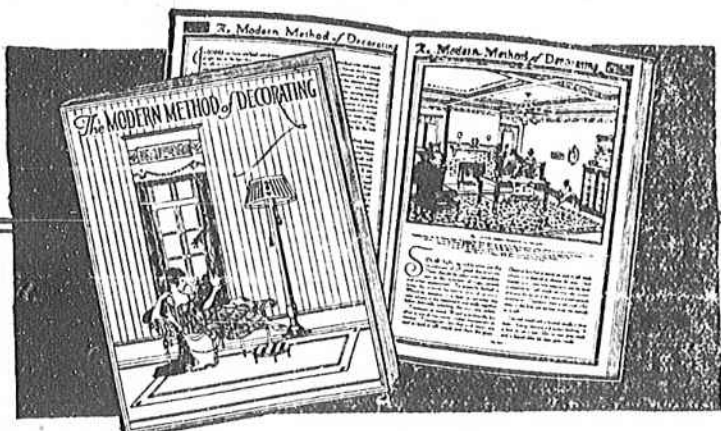
A presidential message was describing events since the taking territory near the Pacific frontier February 21 by Costa Rican forces and the expulsion and capture of invaders through police measures. The president made no mention of declaration of war.

The capital remains quiet, with news of the developments in frontier situation.

ORANGEBURG MAN SHOOT'S NEIGHBOR

Orangeburg, March 1.—Lemuel Garrick, a white farmer of the Cope section of Orangeburg County, was lodged in the Orangeburg county jail tonight on a charge of shooting and seriously wounding Carl Henry, another white farmer of that section. It is alleged that on last Saturday afternoon at Garrick's place, Garrick, Henry and others were gathered and some drinking was going on, and that the parties were friendly; that Garrick said to Henry, "I am going to shoot you," and Henry, taking him at his word, started to run off, and Garrick did shoot him at very close range, even wads from the gun shell going into the body of Henry. The condition of Henry is precarious and

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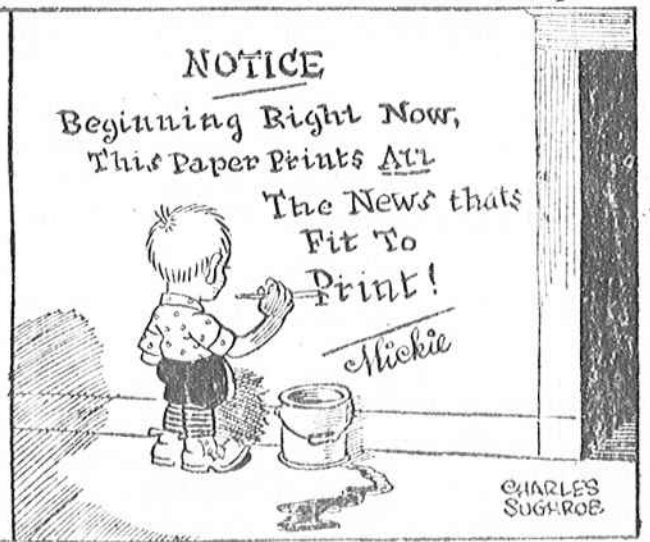
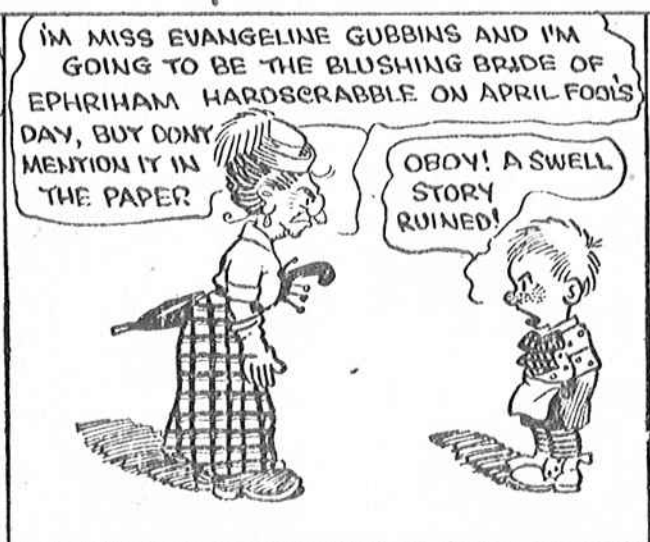
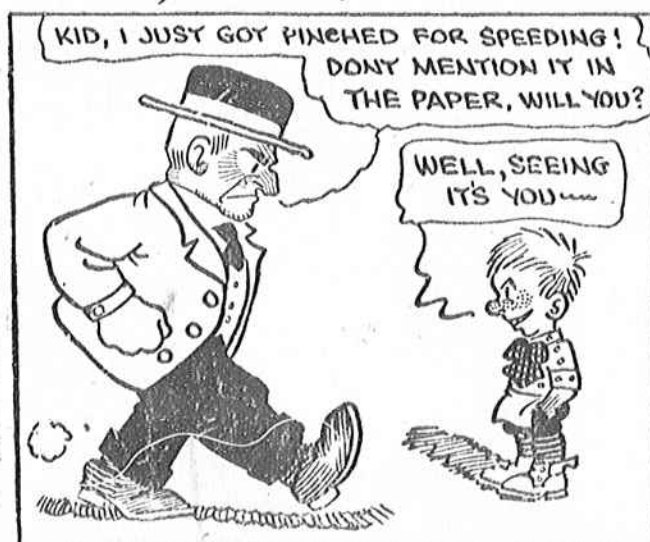
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