

LORD CURZON WARNS FRANCE TO BE CAREFUL

British Foreign Minister Suggests That Military Policy Be Kept in Accord With That of Allies

London, Nov. 24. (By the Associated Press).—One of the most outspoken warnings ever addressed by the foreign minister of one nation to another friendly nation was delivered publicly today at a luncheon by Marquis Curzon of Kedleston to France. The British foreign minister declared that if France pursued an isolated and individual policy she would not in the long run injure Germany and would fail to protect herself.

It was a warning couched, if anything, in plainer terms than a similar speech delivered by Premier Lloyd George last May, at the time when France was proceeding to occupation of Germany's Ruhr towns, which created such a tremendous sensation.

Lord Curzon's address was directed primarily to the Washington conference on limitation of armaments and far Eastern questions, but it was clearly an intimation to France of the effect of that country's attitude toward disarmament. It also applied with equal force to the French policy in the Near East. "Peace will never be achieved," said Lord Curzon, "if any one power concludes a march on another and concludes an arrangement on its own account."

The foreign minister bluntly reprimanded France that her safety lay in her own strength, but in the confidence of the world and he cautioned France that she could not count on a successful policy toward Germany or be permitted by the nations at Washington, without disclaiming wish to renege on the address of Lord Curzon, who, foreign minister, criticizing the French policy declared this was a warning for argument among nations.

Edison and Ford Will Make Effort to Prove That Government Figures Are Too High

Detroit, Nov. 23.—Henry Ford and Thomas A. Edison, during their forthcoming inspection tour of the Muscle Shoals, Ala. project, hope to obtain data to convince the United States government that Mr. Ford's offer for the nitrate and waterpower projects is liberal. It was announced at Mr. Ford's offices in Dearborn today by The Associated Press.

The information followed word from Washington that the government would request Mr. Ford to make certain modifications in his proposals, believed to involve an increase by the automobile manufacturer in the amount of money he was willing to allot for completing construction work on the dams at Muscle Shoals.

The inspection to be made will be minute, it was pointed out. Mr. Ford and Mr. Edison will examine the project with a view to ascertaining how much waterpower may be developed, and as to the cost of the development.

When the tour has been completed the data obtained will be clipped into shape for presentation to Secretary of War Weeks. An effort will be made to prove conclusively that the government's figures are too high, it was stated.

Mr. Ford is known to believe that Muscle Shoals may be made to produce 5,000,000 horsepower and produce the nitrate this power could be made to produce steady employment, directly and indirectly, for 1,000,000 men. If he obtains the project he expects to convert it into one of the greatest enterprises in the United States within the next six or seven years, it was said.

HARDING'S INFORMAL SUGGESTION

Throws Out Feeler in Reference to Formation of Association of Nations

Washington, Nov. 25.—A continuing series of international conferences whose fruition may be an "association of nations," has been suggested informally by President Harding to some of the arms delegates and has met with their general approval.

The suggestion has by no means reached the point of a definite proposal for such an association, but it was revealed tonight that the president's personal conversation with foreign spokesmen on the subject had greatly increased his hope for a new day in international relationship as a result of the Washington conference.

It was indicated further that as a first step toward wide recognition for the conference plan the results of the negotiations here might be submitted for approval not only to the participating nations but to those not represented here, including Germany and Russia.

So far as the suggestions of Mr. Harding have been made known they contemplate a meeting of nations about the council table once a year to thresh out troublesome questions and devise means for the preservation of peace. It is said to be the hope of the president that in the end all the smaller governments will join with the great powers in whatever discussions may concern them or the world situation generally.

There is no indication that any covenant or constitution would be proposed as the basis of the plan, or that any elaborate international machinery would be suggested to carry it into effect. The meetings might be convened to consider special subjects or merely to survey international relationship and look for danger points in a general effort at good understanding.

Whether an international court of justice might be one of the topics is a subject which the president is said to consider too nebulous for present discussion, although he is known to regard such tribunals as a logical part of the plan he has advocated for an "association of nations." His opinions on that subject have been expressed in several public addresses during the past year, but he never has made a detailed public statement of the exact method by which a court could be established.

In fact, in his preliminary consideration of the best means toward international cooperation, Mr. Harding is said by his friends to have tried to keep his proposals as free from detail as possible with the deliberate purpose of reducing to a minimum the probable cause of complication. His intention is declared to have been to apply to the world situation in the broadest sense the principle of "a meeting of minds" as employed in his plea for disarmament at Marion.

So far as he is willing to go toward dispensing with details, it is declared, that he is ready to let the results of the present conference rest merely on a "gentlemen's agreement" rather than a formal treaty. Some members of the American delegation in the conference are said to favor the treaty method, and the point is yet to be decided; but it was asserted in authoritative quarters tonight that so far as Mr. Harding was concerned he would as soon have a nation's word as its bond.

LONDON OPPOSED TO WAR

Vigorous Protest Made Against Renewal of Warfare in Ireland

London, Nov. 26.—A chorus of vigorous protests against the renewal of warfare in Ireland in the event the present peace negotiations collapse has been raised by the morning newspapers.

Boy Convicted of Murder

Roy Henderson, Aged Fifteen, Killed Two Children in Cherokee County

Gaffney, Nov. 25.—The case of the state against Roy Henderson, the boy who was tried for killing the two little sons of Wofford Kirby, was completed Wednesday night, the jury remaining out only a short time before returning a verdict of guilty with recommendation to mercy. Judge Wilson has not as yet sentenced the defendant, as there is considerable ambiguity in the law which provides in one place that persons guilty of murder with a recommendation to mercy shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for life, and in another place saying that boys under 18 years of age, who are convicted of crime, shall be sent to the reformatory and kept there until they reach the age of 21 years.

Butler & Hall, who represented the defendant, made a very strong fight for their client, bringing Dr. Boone, a specialist from Columbia, who has had the boy under observation, to testify that the killing might have taken place by the boy and while he knew it was wrong, he could not realize the consequences of the crime, as his intelligence was only equal to that of a boy seven or eight years of age. The boy's father testified that he is 15 years of age, but that he had always been peculiar and very backward in most respects. Numerous witnesses testified to the fact that there had been insanity in the Kirby family, and there were witnesses who testified that there had been insanity in Mrs. Kirby's family.

The grand jury completed its labors Wednesday night, and in its final presentation recommended that the court of general sessions be continued into next week for the reason that there are a large number of cases which can not be tried at this term. Judge Wilson said that he could remain another week in Gaffney, so far as he is personally concerned but that he could not bring the jury back for another week's service. The grand jury further recommended that if it was not practicable to continue into next week, that a special term of the court be held for the purpose of trying the cases which are now upon the docket. Before the grand jury made its presentation that matter had been discussed by members of the bar, and it is likely that a special term will be asked for.

Robbery in St. Louis

Bandits Raid Refining Company and Get Away With \$60,000

St. Louis, Nov. 26.—Four armed bandits entered the office of the St. Louis Refining Company and escaped with diamonds and jewelry said to be valued at sixty thousand dollars.

MARSHAL FOCH FACES STRENUOUS CAMPAIGN

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 26.—Marshal Foch arose early for a program of entertainment in the twin cities.

ter a limit has been set on submarine power of the nations there may be a more permanent body created to consider the suggestion that underwater warfare be abolished altogether.

It was not indicated whether the President had suggested even informally to the foreign delegates the advisability of inviting Germany and other unrepresented nations to participate in the agreements reached here, and none of the foreign spokesmen would discuss the possibility. It was recalled, however, that when Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands were added to the invitation list of the conference the United States first sought the approval of the other powers, and an official of one foreign delegation said tonight that he presumed the same method would be followed in regard to further invitations.

In the view of most delegates, it would not be necessary for all the nations to send delegates to Washington to participate in the final agreements of the conference. Such a proceeding might lead to considerable delay, and it was generally predicted that the final proposals of the conference simply would be transmitted to the various foreign offices for acceptance or rejection.

JAPAN NAMES REGENT

Prince Hirohito Designated as Ruler of Japan in Place of Emperor Yoshihito

Tokio, Nov. 25.—Crown Prince Hirohito has been designated regent of Japan. The designation of Crown Prince Hirohito as regent of Japan follows the reports which have been in circulation for about a year that Emperor Yoshihito was in bad physical condition. A dispatch to a Honolulu newspaper in May of last year reported that he had suffered a mental and physical breakdown.

For Licensing of Civil Engineers

The Legislature to Be Asked to Create a Board of Examiners

Columbia, Nov. 24.—A law creating a state board of examiners for professional engineers, similar to the medical, architectural, law, and dental examining boards, is to be asked of the 1922 legislature, which meets in January next, by the new South Carolina chapter of the American Association of Engineers, recently organized at a meeting in Columbia.

The association in this state, from its Columbia offices, is sending a letter to all professional engineers of the state, asking their support of the plan to provide an engineers' license law. The proposed bill would create a board to examine all professional engineers, the aim being the elevation of the profession and the elimination of engineers not qualified to properly serve the public. It is proposed to have one classification for surveyors and another for engineers.

Barnwell Negro Shoots Two Men

Boyce Cook and Clifford Gantt Fired Upon When Trying to Make Arrest

Springfield, Nov. 25.—Boyce Cook and Clifford Gantt, two white men from Barnwell county, were shot this afternoon by a negro named Kirkland, who was in turn possibly mortally wounded by the two officers. Messrs. Cook and Gantt were taken to a hospital in Columbia. The shooting took place just across the North Edisto river in Barnwell county about three miles from Springfield. The officers had gone to arrest another negro who escaped when the negro Kirkland began firing upon the officers with a shotgun. Mr. Gantt was the most seriously injured of the two white men. Mr. Cook put Mr. Gantt and the wounded negro into the car and drove on to Springfield where medical attention was given. The white men were taken to Columbia, and the negro was taken to Barnwell jail, the sheriff of Barnwell county being asked to meet the prisoner in Blacksville.

Barnwell, Nov. 25.—Sheriff Sanders brought the negro Kirkland to the county jail here tonight, but left his prisoner immediately when it was reported that a number of cars were following the officer. In precaution against mob violence the sheriff left immediately without letting it be known where he would take the prisoner.

Treasure Seekers Fail

Four Million Dollars in Gold and Silver at Bottom of Sea

New York, Nov. 26.—The third attempt to salvage the four million dollar gold and silver cargo of the Ward steamer Merida, which was sunk ten years ago off the Virginia Capes, has failed. This was admitted at the office of the salvage company.

FOREIGN POSTOFFICES WITHDRAWN IN CHINA

Washington, Nov. 26.—The withdrawal of foreign postoffices in China were informally agreed to in principle by the Far Eastern Committee of Conference.

CHINA MAY YET ESCAPE PARTITION

Far Eastern Conference Considers Territorial Rights of Chinese People

Washington, Nov. 25. (By the Associated Press).—Gradual abolition of extraterritorial rights in China was agreed to "in principle" today by the arms conference, and an exhaustive examination of the Chinese judicial system was decided on to determine how rapidly the change can be accomplished.

Sitting as a committee of the whole, the delegates virtually decided in executive session to put the investigation hands into an international commission of jurists, who would visit China next year and report direct to the governments concerned as to the ability of the Chinese authorities to take over the full administration of justice now exercised in large part by foreign tribunals under the extraterritorial privilege.

The step, to be consummated tomorrow by the adoption of a formal declaration of policy and an authorization for the investigating commission, was regarded as virtually completing the work of the conference relating to extraterritoriality. The framing of the resolution was left to a subcommittee headed by Senator Lodge of the American delegation, with instructions to report at tomorrow's meeting.

During today's session the committee also gave some consideration to the question of postal autonomy for China, but no decision had been reached at adjournment.

The argument of China on the subject was presented by Dr. Z. Sze, the Chinese minister here, who declared the existence of foreign postal systems in China was wholly without sanction in international law. His address was marked by several expressions of general approval from the other delegations.

John M. Davis Killed

Tree Falls on Lumberman Causing His Death

Camden, Nov. 26.—John M. Davis, a citizen of this county, was almost instantly killed near his home ten miles east of Camden this morning.

Mr. Davis was engaged in saw milling and some laborers felled a tree in a heavily wooded place, and a limb from the tree lodged against another tree and broke off, falling on the back of his head, crushing his skull.

Mr. Davis was a native of Lee county, but had made his home in this county for more than a year. He formerly was engaged in business in Bishopville. He was about forty years of age. He leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Carrie Myers, of this county. Mr. Davis is also survived by two brothers, Walter Davis, of this county and William Davis, of Columbia.

Hold up Near Manning. Manning, Nov. 26.—Last Wednesday night about 6 o'clock while J. D. Copeland, book-keeper for D. W. Alderman & Sons Company store of Alcolu, was returning from Manning a bunch of negroes in an automobile held him up and demanded his money. Coleman succeeded in rushing forward in his auto and escaped. A crowd of men were notified as soon as he reached Alcolu, who overtook the negroes as they reached Manning and they were lodged in jail.

JAPAN PLAYING FOR POSITION

Tokio Cabinet Sends Instruction to Delegates to Washington Conference

Washington, Nov. 27. (By the Associated Press).—The Japanese cabinet and diplomatic advisory council at Tokyo are taking a hand in the negotiations at Washington over the tonnage ratio of capital warships to be allotted Japan. Admiral Baron Kato, senior Japanese delegate, has laid the entire situation growing out of the discussion by the committee of experts before his own government.

It is understood that Admiral Kato received from Tokyo today very explicit instructions as to his procedure in reply to communications from the delegation giving the series of figures submitted by Japanese to show the total strength of its navy under various classifications, as well as the opinions expressed and technical ideas put forth concerning measurements by the other experts at Washington, more particularly the American.

It is pointed out that while the Japanese have made it known publicly that they believe they are entitled to a ratio of 70 per cent., there is no available evidence that, so far as the conference itself is concerned, Japan has formally laid claims to the 70 per cent ratio. Admiral Kato's statement to the press was that Japan believed she was entitled to a slight increase in tonnage ratio of capital ships. Since then the matter has been in the hands of the committee which is expected to meet again tomorrow.

The report was in circulation today that Japan, failing to have her own standard of measurement accepted, would be quite disposed to accept the 5-5-3 arrangement. This impression seemed to be growing among Japanese who follow closely the work of their delegation. They were of the opinion that Japan would not, by overinsistence, go so far as to endanger the success of a general naval agreement.

Questioned tonight as to this sentiment, Japanese naval experts replied that they were not in a position to divulge the instructions from Tokyo.

Soldiers Leave Rhine Country

Eleven Officers and Six Hundred Enlisted Men to Return at Once

Coblentz, Nov. 25. (By the Associated Press).—Reduction in the American expeditionary force along the Rhine began today when 11 officers and 600 enlisted men left here on a special train for Antwerp to sail tomorrow for home on the transport Catigny. They are due to reach Hoboken about December 2.

In addition to the soldiers there were three nurses, 15 former service men and 82 wives of soldiers who were married in Germany. The wives of 49 of the men, eight of whom carried babies, traveled in two army hospital cars which saw service in France. The former service men with the party who were furnished transportation home by special act of congress came mostly from Paris.

A great crowd witnessed the departure of the soldiers who are traveling as overseas casual detachments No. 36. Most of the men come from the Fifth and Fifteenth infantry regiments. Their enlistments expire within a few months.

In addition to the thousands of soldiers who saw the train leave the Coblentz yards, there were several children who assembled to bid farewell to German girls, who, as wives of soldiers, were leaving for a new homeland across the Atlantic.

TWO MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN AUGUSTA

Heart of Broad Street Business District Swept by Conflagration Early This Morning

Augusta, Ga., Nov. 26.—A loss of two million dollars was caused early this morning by a fire which laid nearly one-half of the seven hundred block of Broad Street in ruins, before being brought under control, and caused appeals to be sent to nearby towns for aid.

The Johnson and Harrison office buildings, the Albion Hotel and the Augusta Chronicle building were totally destroyed and the Genesta Hotel partly burned. The J. B. White and Company store was partly burned and heavily damaged by water.

Another fire two blocks away on Jackson street also gutted three buildings owned by Harry Cummings. The origin of the fire has not been determined. Thousands witnessed the scene.

The following is an estimate of the loss: Johnson building, \$100,000; Harrison building, Augusta Chronicle, \$100,000; Albion hotel, \$250,000; J. B. White & Co. building, \$500,000; Eighth Street building, \$40,000. Losses of tenants of buildings: Augusta Chronicle Pub. Co., \$100,000; Postal Tel. Co., \$100,000; J. B. White Co., \$250,000; Albion Hotel, \$150,000; Liggett Drug Store, \$40,000; F. E. Ferris & Co., \$40,000; Home Folks Cartier, \$30,000; M. W. Kelly Pool, \$30,000; J. J. Callahan & Son, \$30,000; S. L. McCready & Co., \$35,000; Busby & Dennis, \$5,000; New York Cafe, \$20,000; H. C. Viele, \$15,000; Henry Fry, \$15,000; Zentles Bros., \$5,000; W. J. Croke, \$20,000; A. H. McDaniels, \$10,000; Bell Tailoring Co., \$10,000; Tony Sheehan, \$10,000; Handy Craft Shop, \$4,000; all other losses, \$100,000.

Darlington For Co-operative Marketing

Over Thousand More Contracts by Cooperative Association Yesterday

Columbia, Nov. 27.—Contracts representing 1,200 bales were received from Darlington county yesterday by the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative association, sending this county's total to approximately 10,000 bales and increasing its lead on all other counties. A request that more bank contracts be forwarded at once indicated, President H. G. Kammer said, that the drive in that county was being continued with vigor by B. D. Dargan, county chairman, and A. H. Ward, county agent.

That the cooperative cotton marketing plan is succeeding in Texas is evidenced by a statement received by President Kammer from that state yesterday showing that Texas members of the association are receiving much better prices for their cotton than are non-members and that the Texas association is having no trouble financing the cotton of its members.

The statement from Texas was to the effect that the first sale on the New York market of acceptances of the Texas association was made recently, acceptances to the amount of \$100,000 having been sold at 1-2 per cent. This sale, the statement said, is a recognition of the stability of the Texas organization.

It was further said that a telegram had been received by the president of the Texas association from the war finance corporation in Washington, which has advanced \$15,000,000 to the association, announcing that hereafter all commitments will bear interest at the rate of 6-1-2 per cent. instead of 7 per cent. as originally provided.

The Texas association, it was said, has already received more than 100,000 bales and advanced more than \$1,500,000 to members. From 1,000 to 3,000 bales are being received daily.

"We have sold 17,000 bales to date at prices which netted \$200,000 more than street buyers would have paid and not a single bale of staple cotton has been included," says the statement.

President Kammer said that there had been much interest evinced as to how the Texas association was coming along and the statement received yesterday, he thinks, will be read with the greatest interest by farmers all over the state.

Getting Down To Business

Washington, Nov. 26.—So much progress has been made by the naval experts who are examining details of the American reduction plan that some of the arms delegates expect that another plenary session may be held soon to permit Japan and Great Britain to submit the counter proposals in a concrete form.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Nov. 26.—Two explosions of dynamite wrecked the interior of a negro moving picture theatre here last night.

IRISH FACTIONS DETERMINED ON BLOODY WAR

Every Effort to Bring About Peace by Reasonable Compromise Defeated

London, Nov. 24.—What is feared to be the last scene in the effort to bring peace to Ireland was enacted today when rime Minister Lloyd George and Sir James Craig met in the former's official residence in Downing street, where the imperial premier told the head of the Northern government that Sinn Fein Ireland had not consented to owe allegiance to the king, a prerequisite to Ulster's agreement to enter an all-Ireland parliament.

The Sinn Fein delegates are conferring with members of the Dail cabinet in Dublin on the crisis thus brought about, while Sir James packed his bag and returned to Belfast where he will report to his parliament next Tuesday and possible disclose the cause of the virtual breakdown of the Irish negotiations.

Effort, meanwhile, will be made by peace-makers in an attempt to persuade Sinn Fein to modify its attitude on the question of allegiance to the king. The Dail Eirann members have taken the oath of allegiance to the "Irish republic," and thus far they have refused to substitute for it recognition, within Ireland, of King George. The further concession for the Sinn Fein has been their willingness to recognize the king as the formal president of the community of free nations which Ireland might choose voluntarily to join, but even this was not definitely promised.

Mr. Lloyd George, it was understood, would not admit of any arrangement that would leave Ireland's allegiance to the crown in any doubt, and the government would support Ulster in refusing any association which would weaken its British citizenship.

Germany Faces Trouble

Financial Situation Far From Satisfactory

Washington, Nov. 25.—Germany's efforts at economic recovery appear to be due for a setback, according to a survey of conditions in that country made public tonight by the commerce department.

"German financial and industrial circles," the survey said, "seem to be in the midst of a feverish activity, but this condition is likely to meet with a severe reaction when the necessity arises for purchasing large amounts of foreign raw materials with the greatly depreciated German mark and when the results of the present over-purchasing by German consumers manifests itself."

Government finances, the survey declared, are characterized by extraordinary currency inflation and by the prospect of a large budget deficit, due largely to the necessity of redeeming short term obligations incurred by Germany in meeting the first cash indemnity payment and the further need of meeting other reparation obligations before April 30, 1922.

"According to present conditions," the survey continued, "the German budget for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1922, will show a deficit of 110 billion paper marks while the government's financial condition for 1922-23 will probably be more, with an excess of expenditures over receipts of 127,000,000,000 paper marks. These deficits include the indemnity obligations of Germany under the schedule of payments of May, 1921.

"Leaving these obligations out of consideration, the deficits would amount to only ten billion for the present year and 25,000,000,000 for 1922-23. To meet the huge deficits in prospect and in the hope of avoiding excessive loans, Germany is planning an extensive revision of taxes, although large increases in revenue from this measure can hardly be counted on before 1923 or 1924."

Blind Tiger On Naval Vessel

Mine Sweeper Red Wing is Placed Under Guard

Portsmouth, Va., Nov. 26.—The United States mine sweeper Red Wing with a complement of sixty men are under naval guard following the discovery and removal of a large quantity of liquor.