

**WORLD COUNCIL,  
WITH U. S. OUT,  
MEETS IN ITALY**

San Remo Conference Held Most Important Since Peace Sitings.

**WEIGHTY QUESTIONS UP**

SAN REMO, April 19.—The most important meeting of the interallied supreme council since the peace conference in Paris ended opened here today.

The United States is without representation.

Premier Millerand is reported to have suggested to Premier Lloyd George that France, England and Belgium jointly occupy the German Ruhr district to insure German coal deliveries, if the rebels refuse to evacuate that zone.

The French premier is said to have taken the stand that a blockade of Germany would give rise to objections on the ground it was "not humane."

**WOULD BE CHECK.**

Premier Millerand further believes a blockade would retard the restoration of Germany.

Robert Underwood Johnson, the new American ambassador to Italy, who stopped off here on his way from Paris to Rome, declared President Wilson will protest against the proposal for the partition of Albania and also against the cession of Soutari to Jugoslavia.

When Mr. Johnson arrived here Saturday night reports became current that he would participate in the supreme council meeting, but he explained his presence was due to railway strike troubles which made it necessary for him to pass through San Remo.

**HAD TO GO BY****SOUTHERN ROUTE.**

He had planned to take the Modane route, but the tieup of traffic compelled him to take the southern route.

He left Sunday night.

Up to the last minute Mr. Johnson had expected to represent the United States at the meeting, but received no instructions from Washington.

He told friends instructions may be awaiting him at the American embassy at Rome and that he might return to participate as an observer without taking an active part in the deliberations.

**TURKISH QUESTION****FOREMOST ONE**

"The allies will endeavor to meet the views of President Wilson's Turkish note, which has not hitherto been examined jointly by the entente," said the diplomatic correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in forecasting the action of the interallied supreme council.

The correspondent believes the Turkish question will prove one of the most important problems confronting the interallied states.

"It is likely Germany will be called upon to surrender her surplus ammunition and disarm her citizens' guard and the marine brigade," said the Daily News.

The prediction is made by the press that a mandate for Armenia may be given to Holland, if that country will receive it.

The proposal that the mandate be given to the league of nations was coldly received in some quarters.

**THOUSANDS VIEW  
BLAZING STEAMER****Explosions Accompany Spectacular Brooklyn Fire.**

NEW YORK, April 19.—The Norwegian steamer Halfrid, 3,125 tons, registered at Bergen, was afire off the Bush terminal, Brooklyn, here today.

Two fireboats were fighting the flames. The blaze broke out following three violent explosions, which shook the water front.

The vessel was loaded with nitrates. Three men were known to be injured. For a time the great terminal itself was menaced, but force succeeded in towing the vessel to midstream.

Thousands of persons watched the fire, one of the most spectacular ever seen on the water front.

Police reserves were called out to keep back the crowds.

Firemen were hampered by the constant explosion of chemicals in the cargo.

Late this afternoon flames had spread to several oil barges.

**MANY WAR DEAD  
HELD DESERTERS****Department of Justice Clears Records in Slacker Hunt.**

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Hundreds of Americans listed as deserters from the army, have been shown by investigation to have died in service in France.

This fact became known at the department of justice today.

The department in such cases has "cleared" the records at the war department.

Many of the men who were believed to have escaped service, it was learned, had been improperly listed because of errors in the connection with the transfer from one unit to another after they had gone through the process of enlistment.

E. B. Wood, assistant attorney in charge of draft law violations, stated that a vigorous hunt is on to locate draft dodgers who fled to Mexico, Central America and other foreign countries.

Many of these were healthy Americans who left the country to avoid service, although clearly eligible under the law.

**Plan to Motorize  
Fire Department**

Plans to motorize the Indianapolis fire department probably will be placed before the city council at a meeting tonight.

Members of the council made a complete investigation of the fire department during the last week with this object in view.

The only objection voiced was that it may be impracticable to buy motorized equipment to run over the Indianapolis streets in their present condition.

**Husband and Wife  
on Trial for Murder**

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 19.—James Odell and his wife, Pearl Weaver Odell, charged with the murder of Edward J. Knapp, went on trial here today.

Knapp's mutilated body was found under a culvert on the Monroeville Point road. He had been beaten to death.

**Denounces Mayor****REV. FREDERICK E. TAYLOR.**

He is the first Baptist church pastor who said from his pulpit Sunday: "Indianapolis needs a mayor who will put down his hand and see that we get public improvements: gas, pavement, and so on."

Rev. Taylor's remarks were so well received that he told the congregation that he felt so disposed when spasmoid hand clapping came from several pews.

**'SHINER' SHINES  
AGAIN IN RAID****Ples Oliver Also Taken, but They're Used to It.**

Sixteen names of alleged gamblers captured in a raid on 517 Indiana avenue, appeared on the slate at police headquarters today.

Among them was Everett Middaugh, 716 North Capitol avenue and Ples Oliver, 1030 Indiana avenue.

Middaugh, known as "Shiner," has been an active republican worker, and though often arrested, he has seldom been convicted.

Oliver is an ex-policeman who is often arrested on the charge of gambling.

Louis Butler, 46, negro, is charged with being the keeper of a gambling house and with gambling, while the other negroes and four white men caught in the raid by the morals squad are charged with gambling and visiting a gambling house.

Sergeant Louis Johnson led a raid on an all night game in a poolroom at 221 Shelby street.

John Graves, 38, is charged with being the keeper of the game, and four white men and one negro caught in the raid are charged with visiting and gambling.

A charge of impersonating a federal officer was made against Gilbert Holland, 1339 Blaine street, arrested with four other men charged with shooting "craps."

When the arrest was made Holland is said to have attempted to persuade Sergeant Johnson to let him go, saying he was a federal officer investigating liquor cases.

**SAYS NAVY PRIDE  
WAS HURT IN WAR****Capt. Pratt Testifies Sims Was Known to Be Pro-British.**

WASHINGTON, April 19.—"Every effort was made by the navy department to cooperate with the allies and assist the navy department by Rear Admiral Sims, even at the expense of our own naval pride," Capt. W. B. Pratt, assistant chief of naval operations during the war today told the senate subcommittee investigating charges made against the late admiral by Rear Admiral Sims.

Explaining the assignment of Admiral Sims to the command of the United States fleet in European waters, Capt. Pratt said:

"Admiral Sims, an officer with friendly sentiments toward the British, was sent to England."

Pratt said the alleged warning to Admiral Sims by the British public to "keep the wool over your eyes" might have been given for this reason.

Efforts of Admiral Mayo, who was senior to Admiral Sims, to take command of the European fleet, were disapproved by the department on three occasions, Pratt said.

A letter outlining a naval policy was dispatched by the navy department to all commanders July 3, 1917, Pratt declared.

**HELLO, MARS!  
EARTH ON LINE****Airmen Going Up 50,000 Feet to Seek Connection.**

OMAHA, Neb., April 19.—Prof. David Todd, balloon expert, with Capt. Leo Stevens, army balloon instructor, the government permitting, will attempt connection with Mars Friday, when that planet will be nearer the earth than at any other time of the year.

Todd is banking on the Martians trying to get in touch with him.

Todd and Stevens will ascend to a height of 50,000 feet, and with specially constructed instruments, send out wireless impulses and "listen in" for any answering impulses.

A dictograph record will take down the impulses and their sound will be intensified later to such a degree that its faintest notes may be made out.

The scientists have prepared a brief statement about inhabitants of the earth for the Martians and this will be repeated constantly.

**Fine Morning for  
Ducks? Read on—**

"Fine weather for ducks." An early riser living on Twenty-sixth street, Brightwood, said it when he opened his door at 4:30 this morning.

Just then one of his ducks waddled away from an egg it had laid in the yard.

"Rain tonight and Tuesday," says the weather prognosticator.

**Six Reported Killed  
in Quarry Explosion**

ALLENTOWN, Pa., April 19.—Six men were reported killed in a premature explosion in the quarry of the Lehigh Portland Cement Company at Oranod today.

**PASTOR RAPS  
JEWETT FOR  
CITY'S NEGLECT**

Congregation Applauds Rev. Taylor, Who Asks 'Have We a Mayor?'

**SAYS AFFAIRS RUN DOWN**

Mayor Charles W. Jewett was arraigned in a sermon Sunday night by Rev. Frederick E. Taylor, pastor of the First Baptist church, Meridian and Vermont streets, for his failure to solve important civic problems.

Violent remarks on conditions in Indianapolis were delivered during a discourse on the subject: "A World Chaos; What Will Save It?"

Viscous hand clapping from the audience which filled the large church auditorium followed Rev. Taylor's remarks.

"You may applaud—I don't care," said Rev. Taylor, who is time-honored custom of not applauding in the church was broken.

Rev. Taylor declared that Indianapolis "needs a mayor who will put down his hand hard and see that we get public improvements, gas, pavements, and so on."

And I am not knocking the city of Indianapolis, my friends," the pastor continued, "for, thank God, we have the most American city in the country, but I do want to see us get a man in the interests of the citizens."

WONDERS IF WE HAVE A MAYOR.

"If we got a mayor—and I'm beginning to wonder if we have—it is time he did something and stop all this talk."

"Let him get busy and regulate matters."

Under Taylor's deplorable conditions under which the city is lighted and heated and the run-down condition of the streets.

The pastor said that other cities of the country, not as well situated for producing gas at all times, had been able to avoid any inconvenience in production of gas for the public, and he argued that Indianapolis should do the same.

Among them he named Middaugh, 716 North Capitol avenue and Ples Oliver, 1030 Indiana avenue.

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**FURS WORTH \$1,500  
TAKEN BY THIEF****Seal and Mink Capes Vanish While Family's Away.**

Furs valued at \$1,500 are missing today from the home of Maurice E. Shelton, 5105 Park avenue.

While the family was away a thief entered the house and a seal skin cape, valued at \$800, and a mink skin cape, valued at \$700, disappeared.

Samuel Hartwick, 134 Highland avenue, reported his home entered and a fountain pen, revolver, watch and chain missing.

Dr. Fuesling, 1111 East Ohio street, missed a watch and ring, taken while he was away with his family.

Burglars cut a panel out of the rear door of Frank Fox's grocery, 1213 East Washington street, and stole \$15 and a supply of cigars and cigarettes.

**Baptists Get Ready  
for Drive in State**

Sunday was observed in local Baptist churches as denominational day.

The new movement of the Baptist church and the campaign for \$100,000,000, to be started next Sunday by all the churches in the Northern Baptist convention, were discussed.

The drive is to be launched in connection with the proposed interchurch world movement activity.

Included in the church extension work planned by Baptists as a part of the new movement, is the expenditure of \$125,000 for new buildings and endowment of Franklin college, Franklin, Ind.

Plans have been prepared for seven new buildings.

**Phone Co. Spends  
\$500,000 in Offices**

Purchase of \$500,000 of central office equipment was reported to the state public service commission today by the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, successor of the Central Union Company.

Under terms of a commission order granting permission for the merger of the Indianapolis Telephone Company and the Central Union Bell Company is required to make monthly reports to the commission.

Within the next two months, the company's message station, \$100,000 will be spent for underground and aerial cable for use in Indianapolis.

**Accused of Assault  
by Market Master**

Harry R. L. Beau, city market master, today charged Henry Beecher, a standholder on city market, with assault and battery.

Beecher was arrested by Patrolman Penke and immediately released on bond.

The two men became engaged in a fight following the market hours Saturday night, it is said.

Beecher won the battle, according to general opinion in the market house.

**MISTER BURGLAR:  
SEND IT BACK!**

Bank You Stole From Dying Girl Should Be Keepsake.

Is there a spark of tenderness in the heart of a thief who would steal a child's penny bank?

If there is, D. J. Welsh, 69 North Holmes avenue, wants to reach it. The day before little Kathryn Welsh, in a sick bed, died in St. Vincent's hospital last week, a thief stole her penny bank.

The family was at St. Vincent's hospital with little Kathryn at the time.

Nothing was touched except the bank—the thief took the bank and the four or five dollars in pennies that was in it.

Mr. Welsh has sadly gathered together the treasures left by little Kathryn and he wants the penny bank to keep in memory of his little girl.

**'HONEST BOB'  
STILL IN GRIP  
OF UNCLE SAM**

Sheriff's Indictment by County Grand Jury No Bar to Federal Court Action.

It became known today that the indictment of Sheriff Robert F. Miller and his deputies on charges of violation of the state laws in their conduct of the Marion county jail does not necessarily mean the end of their court troubles growing out of their improprieties in public office.

Whenever the federal court of Indiana desires to take up the conduct of Mr. Miller in reference to the Marion county jail it has ample jurisdiction, precedent and authority for citing him for contempt.

His indictment on a state charge that carries with it a possible minimum of a fine of \$10 and an hour in jail after a long and tortuous course of legal proceedings in the state court, is, in reality, only a bit of cumulative evidence of contempt that may be utilized against him whenever the federal court desires to take action.

"LAWYER'S BIBLE" POINTS TO PART.

"Cyc" which has been referred to as the "lawyer's bible" contains, volume 32, page 215, a treatise on prisons, prepared by Walter Myers, an attorney of this city, which points the way under which the federal court has proceeded to the point to punish for mistreatment of federal prisoners.

This treatise says:

"The various states have made it the duty of their officers to receive and keep in the state country prisons any prisoners committed thereto by process or order issued under authority of the United States, as if they had been committed under the authority of the state provisions having been made by the United States for the support of such prisoners, and for certain purposes and to certain intents, a state jail lawfully used by the United States may be deemed to be the jail of the United States and the jailer or keeper to be a UNITED STATES OFFICIAL."

In support of this conclusion there are city Randolph vs. Donaldson, 9 Cranch (U. S.) 75, 5 L. ed. 662; in re Birdsong, 39 Fed. 590, 4 L. R. A. 625.

FEDERAL COURT RULING ON GEORGIA JAILER.

The latter citation shows that a jailer in Georgia was brought before the United States circuit court, southern district of Georgia, for inhuman treatment of a prisoner and fined for contempt by the judge.

The ruling of the court is set out as follows:

"For the purpose of safely keeping, properly caring for and humanely treating prisoners committed to his custody by a court of the United States, a keeper of a county jail is a United States official."

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**TEACHER BONUS  
NEAR SOLUTION****School Board Asks Permission to Draw from Fund.**

The matter of granting a bonus to Indianapolis school teachers now rests with the state board of accounts.

School Commissioner Charles L. Barry of the finance committee, George C. Hitt, business director, and Ralph W. Douglass, assistant business director, will appear before the state board this week and ask for authority to issue a loan on the tuition funds of the board for the purpose of raising sufficient funds to grant additional compensation of \$200 to each teacher for services during the last school year.

Members of the school board decided to grant the bonus at a meeting Saturday if it is held legal by the state board of accounts.

If the bonus is granted the increased salary schedule recently adopted will not be put into effect until September.

High school principals, supervising principals and special directors will not be given a bonus, as their salary is now held to be in excess of the law.

The granting of the increased compensation will mean an expenditure of \$200,000, which it is proposed to raise through a loan on the tuition fund.

**NOW LOOK WHAT  
MARY GOT INTO****Notre Dame Students to Ban Movie Star and 'Doug,' Too.**

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 19.—Owing to the notorious publicity of the divorces and subsequent marriages of Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks, movie folk, the University of Notre Dame students, through a movement sponsored by members of its athletic teams, have pledged themselves to "blackball" all future productions in which either one of the screen artists appears.

Their action is said to have a two-fold purpose, "to discourage the practice of making a mockery of marriage vows," and "to prohibit immoral plays."

**Dog Wakes Family  
in Burning Home**

ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 19.—That Mr. and Mrs. Genaro Marzocco and their children were not burned to death today was due to their dog.

Fire swept through their home shortly after midnight while the family was asleep.

The barking of the dog aroused them and they made their way to safety just as flames arrived.

The house was destroyed.

**Gets Well Cleaned  
in Barber's Bath**

CHICAGO, April 19.—George Genovese went to a barber shop bathroom here and left \$300 on a chair.

It wasn't there when he came back. Genovese is clean.

Next time he'll stay dirty, he said.

**MRS. GOSSETT  
DIDN'T SLAY,  
SAYS LAWYER**

Husband Met Death at Own Hands in Fight for Knife, Declares Attorney.

**WOMEN CRY IN COURT**

"Mrs. Gossett still loves her dead husband."

In these words, Attorney Lord Claycombe today summed up the defense of Mrs. Anna Mary Gossett, who is on trial in the criminal court on a charge of first degree murder.

As Claycombe spoke of the "great love" which existed between Mrs. Gossett and her husband the defendant wept softly as she sat huddled in her chair.

Mrs. Gossett charged with fatally stabbing her husband with a butcher knife early in the morning of Dec. 26, last. Women spectators in the courtroom cried as the attorney recited the alleged words of the dead man to his wife.

SAYS GOSSETT WAS JEALOUS.

"Gossett was insanely jealous of Anna Gossett and repeatedly struck and abused her," said Claycombe.

"On Christmas day, shortly before the tragedy, Mrs. Gossett presented Gossett with a bath robe, two shirts and a tie as a Christmas present."

"As Gossett received the presents Mrs. Gossett asked her husband what he was going to give her."

"Gossett turned on her and said, 'I am going to give you a — of a beating.'"

Claycombe then told of Gossett going to his work on Christmas day, leaving his wife in tears, and not returning until early morning of the next day.

CARRIED GUN.

Claycombe declared that Gossett on his return home struck and quarreled with his wife and tore part of her clothing.

"Gossett was from Kentucky and liked to be known as a bad man, and he carried a revolver and sometimes a butcher knife," said the attorney.

"The butcher knife was near a Christmas cake on a table in their room and Gossett, seeing the knife, took it and declared that he would kill his wife."

"Mrs. Gossett then hurried herself at Gossett and in the struggle the butcher knife pierced deep into Gossett's side," the attorney declared.

Claycombe testified that Gossett at no time told the police that his wife fatally stabbed him, but maintained that he was attacked by a holdup man on the way home.

WANTED TO PROTECT WIFE.

"Gossett wanted to protect his wife and made her promise on his death bed that she would never tell, and she did not until she was taken to an alleged confession," said Claycombe.

"This is a heart tragedy and one that this little woman (the defendant) regrets deeply."

She still loves her dead husband."

SAYS HE ORDERED GOSSETTS FROM HOME.

G. B. Thompson of 1223 East Washington street, was first witness for Mrs. Gossett and testified that the Gossetts lived for a week at his home, but that Gossett quarreled and abused his wife so that he ordered them from the house.

May Clay, formerly employed at a store where Gossett clerked for a short time, testified that Gossett was unreasonable jealous of Mrs. Gossett.

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Stevens, who is a giant in stature, standing 6 feet and one-half inches in his stocking feet and weighing 200 pounds, attempted to pull a revolver when confronted by Detective Frank Duncan.

Duncan pushed his own gun into Stevens' ribs and grabbed Stevens' gun with the other hand.

Detective Keller DeRosette also trained his gun on Stevens and the arrested men.

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