

GERMANS SEEK PARLEY TO CUT ALLY DEMANDS

Cabinet Concludes Present In-
demnity Proposals Can Not
Be Discussed.

BLOW UNITES Factions

BERLIN, Feb. 1.—The German Cabinet, in a long session presided over by President Ebert, reached the conclusion that the allied indemnity proposals cannot be discussed by Germany and the hope was expressed that further conference can be arranged with the entente in an effort to reach a solution, according to the well informed *Lokal Anzeiger* today.

The enormous sum of indemnity demanded by the allies had the effect of holding, for a time being at least, the hostility between the various German political factions.

Foreign Minister Simons conferred during the morning with party leaders for the purpose of agreeing upon a unified Reichstag program. Dr. Simons promised to read a note to the Reichstag outlining the policy of the government.

RESIGNATION IS DENIED.

It was rumored that Dr. Simons had resigned, but this was denied by the *Lokal Anzeiger*.

The newspapers were again filled with hostile comment, taking the view that the sum fixed by the allies is so big that Germany cannot meet it.

"The Paris terms were apparently the work of politicians; not economists, and they cause me to wonder what the allies went to Brussels to confer with the allies and place data at their disposal," declared Prof. M. J. Bonn today. Dr. Bonn, who was an exchange professor with the University of Wisconsin, is an expert on reparations, a counselor attached to the German chancellor, a member of the German delegation that attended the financial and economic conferences at Brussels.

TAXATION IS NOT BEST PLAN.

"The only way our country can pay its debts is by exporting goods or with gold," continued Dr. Bonn. "Even if we raise immense sums by taxation the money will be in the form of German currency, and there are limits to the amount of paper money that is exportable. Already 70,000,000 marks of our obligations are in the hands of foreign speculators."

"If there is a 12½ per cent export tax English and French consumers will ultimately pay. On some goods the increased cost of 12½ per cent when entered on our lists would enable others to undersell us in competition, which would strangle our exports. We can pay only by establishing a favorable trade balance."

HIDE SUSPECTS TO AVOID MOB

Bay City Police Remove Men in Bank Murder Case.

BAY CITY, Mich., Feb. 1.—Fearing mob violence, the police Monday night spirited away four men arrested in connection with the killing of Martin L. Dehats and L. M. Parsons, prominent residents of this city, during the robbery of the Bay County Savings Bank early Jan. 15.

When the first of the suspects became known a crowd surrounded the police station and threats of violence were heard.

It is not known where the men were taken.

THRIFT METERS SPUR CHILDREN

Treasury's New School Plans Foster Saving.

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Thrifty meters are being introduced into all the schools of the Seventh Federal Reserve district, comprising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin by the savings division of the Treasury Department. According to reports received by the Chicago office the schools that have already received them show a marked increase in saving.

Under the new treasury plan each teacher divides the class or room into two teams, the girls taking the name of Miss Columbia, the boys that of Uncle Sam. The team that is progressing most rapidly on the thrifty meter, which registers up to \$30 for each team, The goal for each pupil usually is one or more thrifty stamps a week.

Superintendents and principals have instructed teachers to enter into the spirit of thrifty instruction and push it in a manner that will establish among the children habits of thrifty in time, money and materials.

Among the first reports is that of a Chicago high school for the first fifteen days. The pupils total \$17,942.35 in Thrift and Savings stamps, as against \$10,000 for all of last year.

In schools where the treasury's plan was introduced alongside of existing savings plans all savings activities benefited by the new plan.

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Cow Fills Forecast of Astronomer for '21

COCONUT FALLS, Wisc., Feb. 1.—The prediction of a Milwaukee astronomer that 1921 will be a banner year for twins, triplets and quadruplets apparently is being realized.

Today a cow on the farm of Frank Wacek gave birth to four healthy calves, doubling her record of last year, when she had twins.

Evansville Movie Men Visit Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—Leading merchants and bankers of Evansville, Ind., making up a party of twenty-five, headed by C. Howard Battin, banker, arrived in Chicago today to make a tour of motion picture houses preparatory to adopting plans for a seating plan of a 3,000 capacity motion picture theater for Evansville.

DeMarco Enters Name in City Judge Race

John DeMarco, attorney, has announced his candidacy for city judge on the Republican ticket and says that if he is elected he will not be bound by any faction or influenced by any partisan group, but will decide all questions in accordance with the law and the evidence.

Among Indian names for States are Michigan ("a weir for fish"); Minnesota ("cloudy weather"); Missouri, with a similar meaning ("muddy"), and Ne-

BAGS REAPPEAR AFTER MONTHS G. A. R. Encampment Visitor's Luggage Recovered.

AMENDMENTS IN BILL BACK FEDERAL ACT

Proposals for Indiana Dry
Law Intend Conformity
With Volstead Statute.

DUNN OFFERS MEASURE

Amendments to the Indiana prohibition law making it conform with the Volstead act and making more stringent provisions than are contained in the present act, were introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Oliver E. Dunn of Spencer.

The proposed amendments would make the possession of a still for the manufacture of liquor unlawful, would permit State officials to seize vehicles used in the transportation of liquor, would prevent the sale of "fake" medicinal preparations containing a large percentage of alcohol and would make it unnecessary for druggists to obtain both State and Federal permits to sell grain alcohol.

In a statement given out upon the introduction of the bill Senator Dunn says:

"The purpose of the amendments proposed to our State prohibition law is to bring our law into nearly in harmony with the Federal prohibition act. RETAIL DRUGGISTS ARE FAVERED.

"Under the present system retail druggists handling alcohol must get a permit from the State, as well as the Federal authorities, and file bond, etc.

"The proposed bill would relieve such druggists from the necessity of filing bond, as well as an additional fee for permit, making their Federal permit the authority upon which the circuit clerk issues them the State permit. The State law does not prohibit the possession of a still for the manufacture of intoxicating liquors. The Federal law does. We have made this an offense under the amendment that the trial of the offender would be in the circuit court in the county where the offense was committed by the Federal officers may be had in the local courts. The Federal statute authorizes the confiscation and sale of automobiles used for the illegal transportation of liquor, the proceeds to be turned into the United States treasury.

"We are making these provisions found in the Federal act a part of our State law, so that the State will be able to confiscate and sell vehicles used in the illegal transportation of liquor and proceeds to be turned over to the school fund. Many fake medicinal preparations containing a large percentage of alcohol are being sold in other States, legal and illegal, etc. We have amended the law so as to prevent this and at the same time not to interfere with the sale of all legitimate medicinal preparations."

"LEGALIZING" BILLS ARE APPROVED.

The House of Representatives yesterday afternoon placed the stamp of approval on "legalizing" bills which it adopted the previous day, favoring indefinite postponement on House Bill No. 34. The bill, introduced by Representative Ray V. Gibbons of Madison and Tipton Counties, would require county auditors to make complete and new transfer books when the book in use has been filled, and provides compensation for such work.

The division report was prepared by the committee on county and township auditors. Objections to the bill were raised because it would provide payment for the extra work, after the State board of accounts had declared such compensation illegal. The bill was killed when the minority report, favoring passage, after amendment, was rejected.

SUPPORT GIVEN TO GAME BILLS

Approval in State Shown in
Letters to Mannfeld.

Conservation of Indiana's wild life resources has become an issue of State-wide importance, if hundreds of letters reaching the State department of conservation in the last few days can be taken as a barometer of public opinion. George N. Mannfeld, superintendent of the division of fish, game and bird protective associations in his monthly letter this week.

"The surprising and pleasing features of these letters, all offering suggestions for improving existing laws, is the general desire expressed for changes and amendments for heavier penalties against poachers."

Of the thirteen bills offered at this General Assembly session all measures championed by the State conservation department have the solid support of the members of the Indiana Fish, Game and Forest League, and only three proposed changes so far have been introduced that are independent of the legislative program.

Representatives of the State conservation department some weeks ago met with members attending a meeting of the State league and worked out legislative plans. The result is bills proposed by the department and by the league harmonized in that amount.

Judgment of \$3,727.50 was imposed by the Neasey Grocery Company against Neil G. Manson, George W. Frederick and Edward White doing business as the Union Soap Company and the Universal Products Company in this city. The suit is for \$1,000 for plaintiff to be paid to the quantities of soap which are alleged not to have been up to the standard. The suit was filed in the Circuit Court.

Damage of \$2,500 is asked by Harry Bowman against the Indianapolis Street Railway Company and the Indianapolis Union Railway Company for reputed injuries sustained by the plaintiff when he was thrown from his bicycle because of reputed bad condition of the right of way at a crossing.

Court Adjudges in
Memory of Balf

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The funeral was held at 100 minutes, ordering his court adjourned until Wednesday morning, April 1, for record and a copy sent to the widow of the late balf.

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