

## WIRTH CHARGES BRIAND'S FACTS NOT BORNE OUT

German Chancellor Presents Hun Viewpoint of Upper Silesian Affair.

### DENIES POLISH CLAIMS

BERLIN, May 26.—"I share Premier Briand's wish that justice may prevail in the settlement of the Upper Silesian trouble," said Chancellor Wirth, in an interview replying to the speech of Premier Briand, in the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday. The interview was printed today in the newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung.

Chancellor Wirth thus becomes the third cabinet head in Europe to adopt the policy of "open diplomacy" by Premier Lloyd George of England, when he began to hurl public warnings against European powers concerning Upper Silesia.

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"I gladly recognize Premier Briand's moderate tone, but it is necessary to correct some of the French premier's statements of fact," continued Chancellor Wirth. "Briand stated that six hundred years ago, Poland was a Polish archduchy. It is reported from Munich that many cases of Upper Silesia, six hundred years ago, is the truth that Poland conquered Silesia in war six hundred years ago. But later a Polish archduchy peacefully renounced all rights to Silesia. Historically, Poland has no claim to Silesia. Secondly, there was the plebiscite in which Poland was defeated. Thirdly and finally, Poland can make no claim upon Upper Silesia because she attempted violence when she could not secure the territory peacefully. Fourthly and industrially, Poland has no claim because the German industry, and the industries of Silesia. The Poles lack technical experts and could not maintain the industries without German help."

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## Goodby 'Third Rail'

CHICAGO, May 26.—Exceedingly "dry" for Indiana, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin, was the forecast today by John Kellander, federal prohibition director for the four states. Kellander officially assumed office today and issued his call to illicit liquor dealers. He said he was going to build up an enforcement organization when he knew could be trusted to enforce the law.

"There will be no grafters in the organization," he said.

## SHANK CROWD TO DISREGARD THE CHAIRMAN

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restrained from slighting all nine candidates just to take a rap at the candidate for mayor. There was no doubt in the mind of any of the candidates that Mr. Lemaux got his orders to make such a move from the mayor, and very little doubt that the mayor received directions from the Indianapolis News, since the representative of the paper "let in" on the proceedings around the mayor's office Wednesday morning. Mr. Lemaux's letter to Mr. Shank was prepared by the mayor's private office. It was understood that Mr. Lemaux himself said it was available for distribution to the newspapers at the mayor's office early in the afternoon. In fact it was given out for publication long before it reached Mr. Shank.

Refusal of Mr. Lemaux to resign did not create much of a stir in the Shank camp, for preparations to build an organization around the mayor's office were immediately set on foot. Dr. E. E. Hodgins, one of Mr. Shank's chief campaign managers in the primary, will head the new Republican organization. It was generally understood that the new organization will be opened soon. Mr. Shank announced.

Mr. Shank's statement in reply to Lemaux's letter was as follows:

"I do not see why Mr. Lemaux felt called upon to send me this letter refusing to meet with the Republican candidates. I did not invite him. That was the chairman of the Republican candidates."

"I am not concerned in the least about Mr. Lemaux and the stand he has taken in refusing to resign as Republican city clerk. He is a public official and he is going ahead and running rooms for headquarters, irrespective of what he may do."

"I do not intend to answer his letter. He is not going to meet with the candidates, nor had I anything to do with fixing a time or place for such a meeting. I am not going to recognize him any more and I am not going to go along ahead with our organization just the same as if nothing ever happened."

**WILL RECOGNIZE ROBINSON CAMPE.**

In building a new organization a place will be made for men from all factions of the party who desire to affiliate. Mr. Shank said he was going to try to get away from the place where the charge of the headquarters of Edward J. Robinson during the primary campaign, into his organization. A number of other Robinson leaders also will be taken in, it was understood.

Discussing Mr. Lemaux's letter, Mr. Shank summed up his determination to go ahead without recognizing the city chairman with the statement: "I don't know how to deal with a man who is my friend for the friends of Charlie Jewett. If any man in Indianapolis thinks I am going to bow to Lemaux, the boy of Jewett, Roemer, Lemcke and Bob Tryon, they are mighty badly mistaken."

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## EXPECT O. K. ON DISARMAMENT

Predict House Will Concur on Borah's Naval Reduction Amendment.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Disarmament advocates expect today that the House will concur on the Borah disarmament conference rider to the navy bill when it goes back to that body.

"I am assured," said Senator Borah, "that the sentiment in the House is strong for disarmament in concert with other nations, and that, in view of President Harding's reported objections being removed the amendment will be accepted."

The unanimous adoption by the Senate was very gratifying to him.

Borah's proposal for bringing the United States, Great Britain and Japan together to discuss gradual reduction over a five year period of naval armaments was made part of the Navy bill late yesterday in the Senate, 75 to 0.

## HOLD WOMAN ON ARSON CHARGE

Accused of Firing Bridgeport Home.

Mrs. Berna Osborn is being held by the police today on a charge of arson, as a result of the fire which destroyed her home in Bridgeport Monday night.

The arrest was made by the police after the fire marshal, Mr. Osborn, had been attempting to collect \$1,500 insurance on the house and \$1,200 insurance on the furniture. The furniture, according to the investigators, is not entirely paid for.

The investigators state that Mrs. Osborn arrived at her home in a taxi two hours before the fire started. Mrs. Osborn said the fire originated in a coal shed adjoining the kitchen. She said she got up in her night dress and informed two roomers that the house was afire.

The roomers say, according to the investigators, that Mrs. Osborn was fully clothed.

Mrs. Osborn was arrested, together with Robert Locke of Bridgeport Monday night on another offense but the cases were continued indefinitely in city court.

Mrs. Osborn attracted attention some time ago by claiming the \$80,000 estate of Alfred Lowry, ex-mayor of Goheen. Lowry was supposed to have no relatives and the State claimed the estate but Mrs. Osborn attempted to prove her relationship through entries in a Bible which she said had been in her family for generations. The State attempted to prove that the Bible was printed recently. The case is still pending.

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## PLAN SESSIONS FOR THREE DAYS

Epworth Leagues of Indianapolis District to Hold Convention.

Epworth Leagues of the Indianapolis district will hold their annual convention in Fletcher Place M. E. Church tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, D. F. Griffith presiding.

The program will be as follows:

S. P. M. PRIDAY—

Song service.

Devotions led by Pauline Kidwell, Meridian.

Announcement.

Address of welcome.

Solo, Paul Raymond.

Address of the Aim of the Organization.

The Rev. E. L. Hutchings of Mooresville.

—2:30 O'CLOCK SATURDAY—

Junior rally.

Address of welcome.

Devotions.

Junior league exhibition.

Address of the Rev. E. L. Hutchings of Mooresville.

—4:00 O'CLOCK—

Song service.

Devotions led by Ruth Newby of Roberts Park.

Business session.

—5:30 O'CLOCK—

Lunch, picnic fashion.

Refreshments.

—7:45 O'CLOCK—

Song service.

Devotions led by the Rev. H. O. Kistner.

"Bethany Park Institutes." C. C. Bonnell, promotion department.

Playlet, "Romance of Robert and Mary Moffitt." East Tenth Street league.

Musical numbers.

—SUNDAY, 8 O'CLOCK—

Installation of district officers.

Rev. George M. Smith of Roberts Park and dean of Bethany Institute in charge.

Quartette numbers.

Address, L. B. Bentley of the Institute faculty.

—5:30 O'CLOCK—

League service.

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Choir numbers.

Awarding of district banner.

Address, Bishop P. Leete.

Members from all leagues over the city and friends interested are invited to attend the sessions.

## MILITARY STEP TO SET PACE ON MEMORIAL DAY

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Meridian street north of North at North street to keep the center of the roadway clear while forming for the passage of the troops from F. Benjamin Harrison. The parade will be the possible exception of the regular troops, will march in columns of fours. The regular battalion may move in columns of squads or companies at the discretion of the commander.

The parade commander, chief of staff and the G. A. R. members will fall out at the reviewing stand which will be at the intersection of North and Meridian streets.

Headquarters of Chief Marshal Ragsdale will be at 223 North Delaware street until 1 o'clock Monday afternoon when they will be moved to the corner of North and Meridian streets.

The American Legion and other world war veterans in Division C will be led by a squad of men from the local Marine recruiting station, carrying the colors of the headquarters of the Legion.

Another feature will be a company composed of men who served as Y. M. C. A. secretaries at camps in this country or overseas.

**SERVICES FOR DEAD OF NAVY.**

Services for dead men of the Navy will be held at the Meridian street bridge over Fall Creek at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the American Veterans auxiliary, assisted by the Navy Post of the American Legion. Attendance of veterans of all wars who fought either on land or sea is requested. Those in uniform will form at the Illinois street bridge over Fall Creek at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon and march to Meridian street.

Mrs. Claudia K. Erther, representing the Sons of Veterans auxiliary, assisted by Mrs. Henrietta Neal, will act as master of ceremonies at the Fall Creek bridge. P. M. Akin will lead the Navy Legion post.

## ALLIED DEBT TERMS SOUGHT

U. S. at Work on Funding Plan for Ten Billions.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Funding of the \$10,000,000,000 debt of the allied governments to the United States will take place within a year, it was indicated today by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. By "funding" officials mean the completion of arrangements by which the debtor nations will deliver the long term securities to this Government and fix definite dates on which interest will be due and paid. When these securities of Great Britain, France, Italy and the other debtor nations are delivered, they may be resold to American citizens under a plan touched on by President Harding in his speech in New York.

The American Government now holds only what might be termed "temporary papers," or promissory notes of the governments to which it loaned money during the war.

Through the proposed sale of the "funded" debt securities the United States would be able to pay off about \$10,000,000,000 worth of Liberty bonds and notes. The debt of the allied governments then would be to the credit of the American investing public instead of to the government of the United States.

## Wait Details on 2 Troopers Slain

WILLIAMSON, W. Va., May 26.—State police headquarters awaited details early today to reports that two State troopers had been killed last night in a fight in the mine war zone.

Capt. J. R. Brockus received word from Capt. George Norton that Manley Vaughn, a Kentucky National Guardsman, and a West Virginia State policeman named Kackley had been shot to death near Nolan.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Senate Labor Committee today ordered a favorable report on Senator John H. Chiswell's resolution for an investigation of the tug river mine war. The resolution will now go to the Contingence Expense Committee, which must authorize the necessary expense of the inquiry. If that committee approves it the Senate will be asked to act on it at once and a subcommittee will be named to conduct the investigation on the ground Senator Kenyon chairman of the Labor Committee announced.

## Woman Starts Fire With Gasoline; Dead

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WABASH, Ind., May 26.—Following an attempt to start a fire in a coal house with gasoline Wednesday Mrs. Charles Farthing, 50, is dead and her husband is in a hospital suffering from severe burns about his body.

When Mrs. Farthing started to pour the gasoline into the stove, the contents of the can exploded. Her body was burned to a crisp and the interior of the house was wrecked. She died a few hours after the accident. Mr. Farthing was burned while trying to save his wife.

## Broke Promise Again

Sam Harding, "city" who has been arrested numerous times on drunkenness and agrancy charges and who, when he appears in court for trial, promises the judge he will stop drinking and go to work, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Walter Pritchard, in city court today. Harding said he had no money with which to pay the fine and he was committed to the State farm to serve out the fine at \$1 a day.

Harding was arrested yesterday by Mounted Officer Shine, at Meridian and Washington street, where he was intoxicated and begging.

## Denies Both Divorce

After spending ten days hearing a divorce complaint, both on the complaint and the cross complaint, Special Judge William P. Herod in Superior Court, Room 1, today refused a divorce to both Mrs. Rive Davis Kelcher and Benton George Kelcher, a former school teacher. Mrs. Kelcher filed the original complaint and Kelcher filed a cross complaint.

## RESISTED FOR LARCENY.

Bryon Campbell, negro, 1317 East Seventeenth street, who has been held in jail under a charge of vagrancy since May 19, was released today on a charge of petit larceny, after he had confessed to Detective Sullivan and Gow that he had stolen \$15 from the grocery of A. A. Davis, 1701 Columbia avenue.

## Denies Citizenship to Austrian Who Dodged War Service

Special to The Times.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 26.—"You were not willing to support this country during the war," said Judge Walter A. Funk in denying the petition on Michael Ertl, who claimed his Austrian citizenship as a ground for exemption during the world war. "Now that there is no danger you ask this country to make you one of its citizens. You will have to wait five years and then file again."

Applicants for German or Austrian birth who had sons who served in the American armies during the war are being given the almost impossible task. There are 250 foreign born men and women seeking citizenship in Supreme Court No. 1. Some are advised to go to night school to learn about American government before their applications are finally granted.

## MAN WITH TWO WIVES JAILED

Local Police Investigate Five Marriages.

Charged with having two wives without divorcing his first wife, Jesse E. Sterrett, who is now in jail, today was indicted for bigamy by the Marion County grand jury.

Sterrett is alleged to have married Prosperina Fernandez in New York city several years ago and on May 7, last, he married Nettie L. Kirkendall, 827 Park avenue, of this city, the indictment alleges.

The first wife with her two children, arrived in Indianapolis some time ago. According to the prosecutor, she was in Terre Haute at the time of her husband's second marriage. She is now residing at 2237 Northwestern avenue.

According to Prosecutor William P. Evans, the first wife will soon become a mother again and she is nearly destitute. The police have been seeking evidence to connect Sterrett with five marriages.

## 2 Get Fines and Days, but Grocer Is Freed

Leroy Ingram, 21, and Leroy Florey, 26, both giving their addresses as 421 South Pine street, were fined \$1 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in the Indiana State Farm on charges of petit larceny by Judge Walter Pritchard today. Charges of receiving stolen goods against Charles Freija, proprietor of a grocery at 663 Blake street, were dismissed by Judge Walter Pritchard today. The three men were arrested May 19 by Mounted Officer Shine. The officer said the two young men stole tobacco, valued at about \$10, and sold it to Freija.

## Husband in England, She Gets a Divorce

Judge Linn Hay of Superior Court, Room 2, today granted a divorce to Mrs. L. Catherine Dixon, who was formerly Miss Balke of this city, from Benjamin F. Dixon. She alleged desertion in July, 1913. The evidence showed that he joined the Canadian fighting forces during the war and since then has been in England. She did not ask to have her maiden name restored.

## Woman Prisoner Out to See Dying Father

WAUPIN, Wis., May 26.—Mrs. Grace Lusk, serving a fourteen-year sentence for the murder of Mrs. David Roberts, wife of her affinity at Waukesha, in 1918, today was permitted to leave the Wisconsin State prison to visit her father who is dying.

## URGES FOREIGN SECURITIES SALE

Government Executive Proposes Domestic Markets.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 26.—Establishment in American financial centers of properly safeguarded, broad public markets for sound internal securities of foreign countries, either governmental or industrial in character, was advocated by Eugene Meyer Jr., managing director of the War Finance Corporation in a speech before the annual convention of the Pennsylvania Bankers' Association here today.

Mr. Meyer urged a national policy to meet the new conditions of foreign trade and finance, "broad enough to indicate a general direction for American industry and the clear enough to be understood and supported by the average man."

The speaker said the postal savings system, "with its rigidly interest rate and other defects," was not adapted to accomplish anything of national value. He urged stimulation of thrift by the Government.

## New Indictment in Manual School Crash

A new indictment was returned today by the Marion County grand jury against John M. Melvin, superintendent of the manual training school at the time of the collapse of the building, in which two workmen were killed and others injured. Melvin was indicted about two months ago, but a new indictment was returned for the purpose of correcting what might have been termed an error, it was announced.

Among others who were indicted were John Newlin, rape grover; James Lavin, assault and battery with intent to kill; C. Davis Barnes, assault and battery with intent to kill Frank Childers.

## Grocer Sentenced to Farm for 'Mule' Sale

Abraham Izares, proprietor of a grocery at 2701 Main street, today was sentenced to the State farm for three months on a charge of selling a blind tiger and was fined \$100 and costs and sentenced to thirty days in the Indiana State Farm by Judge Walter Pritchard in city court yesterday afternoon.

Izares was arrested May 6 by Federal Prohibition Agent George Winkler. The officer stated that he watched Izares sell half pint of "white mule" whiskey to a man in his store. The man gave his name as J. D. Chitwood and his address as 2158 Station street. Chitwood admitted buying the liquor.

## Signed Too Much

A jury in the Marion County Criminal Court today found Kenneth Ray guilty of a charge of robbery and grand larceny by aiding in the robbery of Otto Hamilton of \$125 belonging to the Standard Grocery Company.

After the court excused the jury it was discovered that the jury had also signed the "guilty" return. The jury was called back and instructed to sign only the verdict they intended.

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Bryon Campbell, negro, 1317 East Seventeenth street, who has been held in jail under a charge of vagrancy since May 19, was released today on a charge of petit larceny, after he had confessed to Detective Sullivan and Gow that he had stolen \$15 from the grocery of A. A. Davis, 1701 Columbia avenue.

## Jealous Pet Dog Believed Victim of the Suicide Route

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