

STORM CLOUDS GATHER ABOUT ARMS PARLEY

'Acceptance in Principle' by
France Regarded as
Insincere.

SHARP DISPUTES ARISE

By GEORGE R. HOLMES.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Out of the quietude which has prevailed in the actual negotiations of the armament conference for the last week, sharp differences of opinion have arisen which threaten today to make the closing days of the parley exceedingly stormy. At the close of the day, from submarines to Sibiria, the conference path shows signs of becoming rocky. Hopes are entertained that the conference can conclude its work within two weeks, but a long drawn-out discussion on any of the controversial questions yet to be disposed of will defeat these hopes.

France has signalled her acceptance of the Root proposal to outlaw submarines only in principle. An "acceptance in principle" is not regarded by the British and American as signifying much more than a willingness to discuss the matter.

They remember France also accepted the whole Hughes program "in principle" on the opening day of the conference, and then almost wrecked the parley six weeks later by demanding great increases in her naval allotment.

Before France accepts the radical restrictions which have been proposed for submarines she first wishes the conference to settle the question of what constitutes a merchant ship. There were strong indications today that Japan and Italy, who have not signified any attitude toward the Root proposals, also will demand the powers to define merchant craft.

French insistence that merchant ships be defined in concrete terms is based on the assertions here of official British spokesmen that Britain, in wartime, intends to arm her merchant craft, regardless of the restrictions the treaty imposed on uses of unarmored craft.

If this policy were carried out by Great Britain, the whole vast British merchant fleet would, in wartime, be instantly turned into what the French assert really would be auxiliary cruisers.

Are submarines to be prevented from attacking such ships, the French ask, and does not the planting of guns on merchant ships take them out of the classification of merchant vessels?

HOT DEBATE IS LIKELY.
It was predicted a warm debate on these questions may precede any final settlement of the submarine controversy.

If submarines are to be made outlaws and pirates of the sea, as Great Britain demands, France will insist upon commercial vessels not being used as auxiliary cruisers.

The submarine is the only ship remaining in the way of the five-powered naval treaty. The drafting experts have practically finished their work and it remains only the twenty-one day conference horizon. After nearly three weeks of complete quiet and lack of contact, the Chinese delegates are beginning to grow impatient.

They fear the conference will be adjourned without ironing sharp differences, or else the questions will be left to the last minute shuffle.

TRICKERY.
They faultily charge the Japanese with playing the game and the good offices of Secretary of State Hughes and A. J. Safford again have been sought to bring the Japanese into line.

The Siberian question, the last on the conference program, has grown to mountainous proportions as a result of the disclosures made here by the delegates from the Far East republic, concerning the alleged secret agreement between France and Japan which would allow Japan to dominate this vast Russian territory.

While the matter has been officially settled for the time being, by the indignant denials of the French and Japanese, the revelations made by the China delegates loom large in the conference background and threaten to inject some sharp negotiations into the proceedings when the Siberian question is reached.

Charges of Japanese intrigue in Siberia, backed up by documents that have an appearance, of some degree at least, of authenticity, have been shelved but not forgotten.

EXPERTS SETTLE CHINESE TARIFF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The subcommittee of tariff experts, under the chairmanship of Senator Oscar Underwood of the American delegation, has virtually agreed upon granting China a 5 per cent tariff. It was stated today by an official British spokesman, the agreement also will make provision for raising this figure to 7.5 per cent sometime in the future, and upon the fulfillment of certain conditions by the Chinese, it was stated.

China had demanded for a tariff of at least 12 1/2 per cent and the figure of 5 per cent represents a material defeat of her aims in the conference.

MINE LEADER CANCELS DATE OF CONFERENCE

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of bituminous miners, in the opinion of local miner officials.

Mr. Lewis, they pointed out, cancelled the meeting because Pennsylvania and Ohio operators refused to attend the meeting, leaving only Indiana and Illinois operators of the central competitive field to negotiate with the miners on the date for a new wage scale.

This action by Pennsylvania and Ohio operators is regarded by the miner officials as breach of contract, in that the operators signed an agreement to meet with the miners.

NO STRIKE IS ANTICIPATED

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 4.—A general policy regarding wage scales by the national convention in Indianapolis Feb. 14 will be the next step in the controversy with operators over a new agreement mine workers headquarters here believed today.

The national convention has power to decide whether wage scales in the Central Competitive field may be signed by local districts or by the Operators Association of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Pennsylvania, G. W. Savage, State secretary said today.

Ohio coal operators do not anticipate a strike, according to W. D. McKinney secretary of the Southern Ohio Coal Exchange.

McKinney said he believed in the future wage agreements and working rules would be fixed at meetings of operators with miners in their sections.

COX HEADS LAW FIRM.
Announcement was made today of the forming of the law firm of Cox, Welliver & Walsh, with offices at 419 American Central Life building. Charles E. Cox, former judge of the Indiana State Supreme Court, is senior member of the firm and Charles B. Welliver and Madison Walsh are the other members. The new partnership will engage in the general practice of law.

KING ALFONSO PLANS VISIT TO U. S.



King Alfonso of Spain is planning a visit to the United States and several South American countries some time within the next year if political conditions in Spain permit him to leave. It is said that the King's trip is being strongly urged, partly for the purpose of establishing Spanish sentiment in America in the interest of commerce and immigration, but that no date can be decided upon on account of the uncertainty of the Moroccan war.

BELL COMPANY SAYS DEFICIT \$180,657 A YEAR

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questions had to do with the relationship of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the finances of the Indiana Company, and undivided plans and results.

In setting out its relationship with the parent company the Indiana company said:

"The petitioner has a contract with the A. T. & T. Company, pursuant to which there is paid to the A. T. & T. Company, roughly speaking, 45 per cent of the petitioner's gross income. In the presentation of this case, however, the financial statement will not show in the expense account a credit for the payment of 45 per cent of gross income, but of 100 per cent of the flat sum of \$1,000,000 of instruments rented. This credit is taken pursuant to the provisions of an order of the commission dated Feb. 9, 1920, in which an allowance was made of \$108 per cent to cover approximately the rental value of transmitters, receivers and induction coils leased to petitioner and services directly incidental thereto and indirect charges for general services or other benefits received."

In answer to a question concerning the reduction of labor and material costs the company stated there have been practically no reductions. It also stated that it does not expect to lose any subscribers through the new rates except those who now have both telephones and telegraphs.

REFUSES AUTOMATIC RATE PROPOSAL.
Mr. Groeninger made a proposal to the company at the outset of the hearing in which he asked that the automatic be increased to the level of the present manual rates and the hearing continued in order that the situation might be more carefully studied. He said he believed this would obviate the necessity for emergency rates. The company promptly refused.

Mr. Davidson made a statement reciting the history of the telephone companies and setting out facts that were shown in the answer to the city's interrogatory and in the petition.

The first witness called was T. R. Keyes, general auditor of the company, who presented the statement concerning the financial condition of the company.

In these figures the total estimated revenue for a year of both automatic and manual service was placed at \$3,415,768.53 and the total expenses at \$3,521,426.26, leaving the deficit of \$106,657.73. The total valuation of both properties was placed at \$11,254,254.90. The commission stated in an order some time ago that it was simply marvelous how Tanlac had restored me to health and changed me from a weak and miserable man to a well and happy one."

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until after I had been taking Tanlac a while, I had suffered distress almost after every meal and didn't dare to eat any heavy food at all. I had headaches at times so bad that I felt my head was about to burst open and I was so nervous I got little rest either day or night. Every now and then I would just have to give up and go to bed and stay there for days at a time."

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AGRICULTURAL BOARD ELECTS NEW DELEGATES

Regular Board Officials Will Be Selected Thursday.

Eight delegate members of the State board of agriculture were elected at the annual election held in the State House today.

Guy Cantwell was elected to succeed Joseph Barr of Bensenville, as delegate from the second district, and E. W. Pickhardt of Huntington, was elected from the third district. Prior to the election, Charles N. Lindley, of Salem announced that he would oppose M. Pickhardt, but withdrew from the race before the election.

Those re-elected were: Thomas Grant of Lowell, Tenth district; E. Brouse, Kendallville, Twelfth district; George S. Hepler, South Bend, Thirteenth district; Lin Wilson, Jonesboro, Eleventh district; S. J. Miller, Indianapolis, Seventh district; and S. W. Taylor, Boonville, First district.

Officers of the board will not be elected until tomorrow, but indications are that Thomas Grant will be re-elected president, S. W. Taylor vice president, William M. Jones, Fairmount, financial secretary and I. Next Brown of Franklin, recording secretary.

The other eight delegates on the fair board will be elected at the next annual meeting of the board. These elections will serve as delegates two years.

Mr. Grant urged that the State board co-operate more fully with the county fair boards in the future so as to show the people of the State what is being done at the fairs.

"The board is just getting to a place where it can see better and bigger results, under the law which was passed by the regular session of the legislature," E. V. Skinner, dean of agriculture of Purdue University said in addressing the meeting. Prof. Skinner spoke in place of Governor Warren T. McCray, who was unable to attend the meeting.

"People of the State should be interested in the fair, it should not be for the farmers alone. The only way that you can bring a fair before the people of the State is to let them know that every thing that you have at the fair is not farm implements and cattle, but household goods and things in which they are interested," he said.

Mr. E. L. Purvis of Huntington, was elected president of the Indiana Association of County and District Fairs by the unanimous vote of the delegates, succeeding Charles W. Travis of Lafayette at the meeting in the Statehouse yesterday. The association re-elected G. C. Landrege of Huntington, secretary, and H. C. VanWay of Shelbyville, treasurer.

ROOSEVELT DEAD 3 YEARS FRIDAY
Churches Asked to Pay Tribute to Great American.

The Indiana Branch of the Roosevelt Memorial Association today called attention to the fact that Friday is the third anniversary of the death of Theodore Roosevelt, his death having occurred Jan. 6, 1919. No extensive memorial observance is planned. The churches of the State, however, have been asked to pay tribute to Roosevelt in their services.

"In these reconstruction days we feel it is very helpful to keep before the public the principles and ideals of Theodore Roosevelt," Frederick E. Shortle, secretary of the association, said. "We hope the ministers of the State will pay tribute to Co. Roosevelt in connection with their services next Sunday."

JAPANESE POSTOFFICE BURNS.
TOKIO, Jan. 4.—The Tokio central postoffice was destroyed by fire today.

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The Jews administration discussed for several weeks the purchase of the Alabama and Ohio street site and erection of a city hall annex thereon, but decided it did not have time to push the matter through before the new regime came in. The ground is owned by the Fletcher estate. It is understood it would cost around \$200,000. It is estimated sale of the old police headquarters and city court building at Alabama and Pearl streets would not a sum to help materially to meet the cost of the new ground and building.

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Under the plan which Mr. Shank is considering the new building would contain not only modern police headquarters, but also rooms for a number of city departments cramped for space in the city hall. The city council would be given a chamber in the proposed structure and the council chambers on the fourth floor of the city hall made into offices for some of the other departments.

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Michigan May Copy Indiana Tax Law

A committee of two Michigan legislators called on the State tax board yesterday to learn the working of the Indiana tax law, parts of which may be adopted by the Michigan legislature which will convene early in October.

The legislators, who are visiting several States, were probably impressed with the Indiana tax law, especially in regard to supervision of bond issues, and control of tax levies. The committee, composed of Representative Frank B. Wells of Cassopolis, Mich., and Charles Evans of Tipton, Mich., left today for Pennsylvania, where they will study the tax law of that State.

HILL MILLIONS FIGHT GOES ON

Son Declares Battle for Estate Will Be to Finish.

ST. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—The fight for control of the \$18,000,000 estate of the late Mrs. James J. Hill, was continued in Ramsey County Probate Court here today until Jan. 27.

That the battle will be a fight to a finish with no thought of a compromise, was voiced by Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern Railroad this morning.

Hill declared he would fight and never give any of the Hill "in-law" relations a chance at his parent's estate.

Postponement of the hearing on application of two sets of beneficiaries for letters of administration was ordered by Judge E. W. Bazille, who said he was not ready to hear the case.

The private family row, as Louis W. Hill has styled it, already has resulted in a shake-up in the directorate of the Northwestern Trust Company, which Hill formerly controlled, the control having passed to seven brothers and sisters.

In his petition for letters of administration, the Great Northern chairman is joined by a sister, Mrs. Samuel Hill of Seattle, Wash. All the other brothers and sisters, which are J. S. Hill, Mrs. Anson M. Beard, Mrs. Michael J. Gavin of New York City, Walter J. Hill, Mrs. E. C. Lindley, Mrs. Egil Borekman and Mrs. George T. Skids of St. Paul, he joined in a petition to have the Northwestern Trust Company administer the estate.

MINE INJUNCTION WILL BE RECAST

New Form to Permit 'Check-Off' Collections.

The manner of recasting the sweeping injunction issued against officials of the United Mine Workers of America by Judge Albert B. Anderson two months ago will be taken up in Federal Court Thursday morning. The injunction will be recast along the lines directed by the Circuit Court of Appeals and will not, in its new form, forbid the collection of dues by means of the "check-off" system. This was the main point of difference between Judge Anderson and the higher court.

It is understood the Borderland Coal Company, the petitioner in the suit, will just an amended bill of complaint when the case is called and will bring up several new matters in connection with the case.

The injunction as originally issued by Judge Anderson not only forbade the use of money for illegal purposes in West Virginia, but struck at the very foundation on which the union is built and enjoined the collection of dues by the "check-off" system. Union officials declared at the time that if this should be upheld by the higher courts it meant the death of organized labor in America.

FORMER PRESIDENT GROWS STOUTER



The former President was caught in front of his home at the Capital and genially consented to pose. Note that he seems to have grown stouter. There is the same old snap to his glance. He looks more like the Woodrow Wilson of his first term in the White House than he has at any time in the last three years.

MORE POLICE CHANGES MADE

Board of Safety Holds Special Session.

Changes in the police department which were overlooked Monday afternoon when the new board of safety made promotions, demotions, reinstatements and retirements, the force were formally registered by the board in a special meeting this afternoon.

Sergeants Orville Hudson and Eliza C. Tooley were to be reduced to patrolmen and Trafficman Patrick O'Connor promoted to sergeant.

The board announced the examination of applicants for appointment as building commissioner, assistant building commissioner, assistant building commissioner and building inspectors will be held by the commission of architects, engineers and builders, named Tuesday, in the city council chamber from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Jan. 10.

The board has employed George W. Williams, former executive secretary, to remain on duty in the board office for one month in order to assist the new employees in perfecting reorganization of the police and fire departments.

SWINE BREEDERS MEET HERE.
The Indiana Swine Breeders' Association was in annual session at the Claypool Hotel today. Routine business was the first order of business to be transacted at the morning meeting. An election of officers was held this afternoon.

Headaches from Slight Colds.
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BELFAST AGAIN PLUNGED INTO TERROR REIGN

Violent Fighting Resumed and Battle Lasts 24 Hours.

BELFAST, Jan. 4.—Violent street fighting in which a civilian and a baly were shot to death has raged intermittently in this city and environs for nearly twenty-four hours.

The soldiers used rifles, machine guns, bayonets and armored cars against the mob.

The most drastic curfew regulations in the history of Ireland have been put into effect here. Beginning tonight the streets are to be cleared at 8 o'clock.

One battle in York street and Royal avenue lasted an hour. After the mob had been driven off a dead man was found lying in the street.

A street car was bombed in Newtownards road. When soldiers came up the mob began shooting and the soldiers returned the fire, wounding five men.

A sniper who was firing at street cars killed a baby in its mother's arms.

Heavy forces of police and soldiers are patrolling the principal streets.

The sixth victim of the present disorders in Belfast died today.

DE VALERA TO OFFER PLAN

DUBLIN, Jan. 4.—Eamonn de Valera announced in Dail Eireann today that he would introduce his alternative peace proposals tomorrow night and that they be accepted as the basis of peace between Ireland and England.

(Premier Lloyd George issued a special statement in London last Friday saying the Irish peace pact must be ratified in its original form and that any alterations would annul it.)

Shortly after Dail convened for debate on the peace treaty, a sharp three-cornered altercation developed among De Valera, Arthur Griffith and Deputy McCabe of Sligo. Griffith insisted upon knowing why De Valera was so secretive about his alternative peace proposals.

After an exchange of words De Valera promised to introduce his counter peace draft Thursday.

REJOICES AT 'IRISH PEACE'

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—W. L. MacKenzie King, premier of Canada, passed through here today en route to Denver to visit a sick brother.

Mr. King said he was pleased at the disposition of the Irish question.

"We are not only pleased for Ireland's sake, but also for good government throughout the world," he said.

He praised the United States, saying its citizens rank higher than any others in the minds of Canadians.

"Never in their mutual history have relations between the two countries been more heartily cordial on both sides," he declared.

IT'S ALL OFF NOW.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Police today announced the proposed bull fight which was to have been staged in Madison square garden cannot be held because it was discovered the "bull" was a "lady quadruped" named Emma.

JOLLY BANDITS WERE THEY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Three jolly bandits fasted two grocers into a rear room, robbed them of \$6,000 and whistled merrily as they walked past several customers to safety.