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PORTS ON RHINE ARE SEIZED

French Are Brooding Upon Loot on Immense Scale, Former British Premier Warns

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"AMONGST the 'gages' demanded by Poincare in August last year were 60 per cent of the shares in certain pivotal German industries in the Rhine area. Now the Ruhr industries are clearly to be included within the scope of the demand. France has the iron ore of Lorraine and the coal of the Sarre valley. Her financiers have been engaged in buying up coal mines in Silesia. If she can secure the controlling interest in the Ruhr mines and Belgium and Poland can be persuaded to join in the deal, then the continent of Europe will be at the mercy of this immense coal and iron combine."

"Nothing is to be left to chance. One of the 'gages' is to be control over German customs. * * * And thus all competitive products will be excluded from the German markets. The combine will thus be supreme."

"IT is true that if this cynical scheme comes off there is an end of reparations—for the independence of German industry is strangled and its life will soon languish. But there are signs that French enterprise has abandoned all idea of recovering reparations and that it is now brooding upon loot—

on an immense scale. For discussions in the French press contemplate even wider and more far-reaching developments than those involved in control of Germany industries."

"Italy, Poland and even Russia are to be brought in. Russia is to buy; Germany is to manufacture; France is to profit. These proposals, which for some time have been in the air, are now actually in type. NOW THE TYPE IS ORDINARY BLACK—LATER ON IT MAY BE RED. Twenty lives already have been lost over the preliminaries of their execution. I fear there will be many more as difficulties become more apparent."

"A pretty scheme, but like most plans which make no allowance for human nature—bound to fail. How long would Italy and Russia consent to be exploited for the enrichment of French capitalists? Italy already has made it clear she has no intention of walking into a trap. IT IS NOT EASY TO RECKON WHAT THE BOLSHEVISTS MAY OR MAY NOT DO UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT ONE CAN BE FAIRLY ASSURED THEY WILL NOT PLACE THEIR HEADS IN THE JAWS OF A RAPACIOUS CAPITALISTIC CROCODILE OF THIS CHARACTER. BRIGANDS ARE NOT MADE OF THAT SIMPLE STUFF."

WM. E. CLEMENTS FOUND DEAD WITH BULLET IN HEART

Body of Commission Mer-
chant Discovered in Auto
—Suicide Believed.

The body of William E. Clements, 53, manager of the store of George B. Walton & Co., commission merchants, 207 E. Maryland St., was found in his automobile at 7:30 a. m. today one and one-half miles south of Greenwood with a bullet wound through the heart. A revolver lay at his feet.

Clements had been missing since early Friday morning, when he was brought out of his office. His home was in Southport.

Sheriff Starts Probe
Col. William M. Perry, sheriff of Johnson County, started an investigation after the body was found by Thomas Smith and James Malone, farmers, Coroner D. L. Phillips of Johnson County said suicide was indicated. He said Clements had been dead only a short time when his body was found.

The body was taken to the Flinn & Henderson undertaking establishment in Franklin. It was to be brought to Indianapolis this afternoon.

Identified by Letters
Clements was identified by letters in his pockets. He was known to grocers at Franklin.

Henry Fingerly, for five years Clements' partner in the Walton commission house, said the only reason he could assign for suicide was despondency over his wife's death a year ago. Fingerly appeared deeply affected.

Clarence Breadth of Southport late Friday told police Clements was missing.

Surviving are a sister in Illinois and a stepson.

LAND SALESMEN FREED

Officials of Company Found Not Guilty of Fraud.

By United Press
CHICAGO, March 3.—Officials of the Dan Hayes Land Corporation, charged with using the mails to defraud, were freed by a jury in Federal Court last night. The twelve officials of the company were declared not guilty on charges of having sold lands in California unfit for cultivation, represented as choice farming soil.

NAB ALLEGED BURGLAR

Cops Say Parker Barnett Was Caught With Goods.

An alleged burglar was discovered in the J. C. Goldstein store, 1304 N. Senate Ave., at 1 a. m. today, by Detectives Trabue and Sneed and Patrolman Hobson. They arrested Parker Barnett, 19, colored, giving his address as the Hudson House. Cigarettes and soap, which it was alleged he stole from the store, were found on him, the officers said.

Flood Bill Advances

Representative Hart's bill to repeal the flood prevention act affecting Peru automatically advanced to second reading in the Senate today when a majority of the committee on swamp lands and drains reported the bill without recommendation. The minority of the committee favored passage.

Court Measure Killed

Consideration of the Holmes Senate bill, providing for a Lake County juvenile court and judge, ceased today when the House killed the measure, 45-20. The bill was the center of a heated dispute a few days ago, when attempts were made to permit all counties of the State to provide such courts.

IS FRANCE ENGINEERING INDUSTRIAL COMBINE TO HEADLOCK ALL EUROPE?

Former Premier Thinks That Is Real Aim of Ruhr Invasion
—Does Not Believe Italy and Russia Will Stand for Exploitation.

By THE RIGHT HONORABLE DAVID LLOYD GEORGE,
(Former British Premier)

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LONDON, March 3.—"French troops occupying fresh German territory."
"Farther advance into Germany."
"Reinforcements."
"Proposals for new coinage in Ruhr."

What is it all leading to? Is it really reparations? The eminent Italian statesman, Signor Nitti, who has made a thorough study of all documents bearing on French designs upon Germany has come definitely to the conclusion that these measures have no reference to the recovery of damages for the devastated area, but that they are all taken in the execution of a vast project for securing French control over all the coal and iron of continental Europe. He supplies chapter and verse for his theory.

Something has undoubtedly roused the suspicions of Signor Mussolini. They come rather late in the day to be effective. He naturally does not relish the idea of an Italy whose coal and steel supplies are placed at the mercy of a gigantic trust directed from Paris. Italy has no coal or iron of her own. Her interest is therefore in a free market.

Let those who imagine Italian statesmen are unnecessarily disturbed read the discussions in the French press leading up to speeches recently delivered by Messieurs Miller and Barthou and Poincare.

Questions of Amount

With regard to M. Barthou's intervention I feel I must, as one of the founders of the reparations commission, say a word.

There were important questions of amount, method and time which could not be determined before the signature of the peace treaty, and could not be settled at all without giving Germany full opportunity for being heard. Hence the appointment of the reparations commission. It was called into existence to settle these questions after hearing evidence and deliberating its effect. Of this commission M. Barthou is now chairman. He therefore presides over the body which had committed to its charge judicial functions of a momentous character.

Inflammatory Speeches

He has to adjudicate from time to time on cases presented by Germany under a multitude of different heads. Inflammatory speeches on the very subjects he has to preserve judicial calm upon are quite incompatible with his position. When he occupied the same post, Poincare ultimately recognized that he could not continue to (Continued on Page 2)

SHIPP EXECUTORS NAMED

Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. and Evans Woolen Appointed.

The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co. and Evans Woolen, president, were named co-executors under the will of the late Joseph E. Shipp, 41 E. Twelfth St., in Probate Court today. Amount of the estate, chiefly personal property, has not been determined, it was stated. Two daughters, May and Margaret Shipp, are heirs.

LESH OPINION ON SPEEDWAY READY FOR GOV. M'CRAY

Only Gubernatorial Ear to Hear Verdict on Bill's Constitutionality.

The bill prohibiting the Indianapolis Motor Speedway race on Memorial day was expected to be returned to Governor McCray by U. S. Lesh, attorney general, this afternoon. The bill was sent to Lesh with the request that he express an opinion as to its constitutionality.

Lesh said the opinion would not be made public.

"What I have to say is merely for the Governor's personal guidance," the attorney general said.

Under the constitution, Governor McCray has until midnight Monday to sign the bill. He received it officially at noon Friday.

If final adjournment should occur before the end of the three days—as it will in this instance—and the Governor has not signed the bill, it automatically would become a law unless he files a veto with the secretary of State within five days after the close of the session. If he should file such a veto, the bill would not become a law, but would be taken up at the next session of the Assembly.

WEALTHY BANKER FACES HOMICIDE CHARGE

Bail of \$35,000 Furnished by Clubman.

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 3.—Henry G. Brook, wealthy clubman and banker, charged with homicide in connection with the running down and killing of three persons by an automobile, will be brought to trial promptly, District Attorney Rottan said today.

The banker is at liberty on \$35,000 bail.

Brook denies he was the driver of the death car.

Sentences Like These Make "The Tangle"!

Seslie Darling, at this moment my fingers are tingling to touch that little curl behind your ear—John Russell.

I love you so, lover mine, everything in the world sinks into nothingness because the want of you—Charles Hamilton.

These are excerpts from some of the intimate personal letters, pregnant with the deepest human emotions and most compelling human impulses, which tell the story of

Two Modern Lovers and Their Friends, Foes and Relatives

This great story will start as a serial in The Indianapolis Times next Monday. It will prove the most discussed fiction of the year. Don't fail to begin reading it with the first chapter.

Call Circulation Department, Main 3500, and have THE TIMES delivered to your home.

Fair Shortridge Rooters Look Happy; "Twas Before Manual Beat Their Team



THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN BEFORE MANUAL ELIMINATED SHORTRIDGE IN THE DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT TODAY. DOROTHY SCHAEFFER, 429 PARK AVE. (LEFT); JOSEPHINE MUGG, 4642 BROADWAY, (CENTER); AND RUTH SEIGLE, 3226 BROADWAY, (RIGHT) HAD A GOOD TIME AT THE TOURNAMENT ANYWAY.

TWO-WEEKS BRIDE IS LAID IN GRAVE

Tragedy Darkens New Home of Brook Hendrickson.

Shades were drawn today at 230 E. Pratt St. Laughter which had rung through the house since Mrs. Julia Cunningham Hendrickson, a bride of two weeks, had appeared, was missing.

Today, at 46 N. Dearborn St., her funeral was held. It was exactly two weeks after her marriage to Brook Hendrickson, of the sales department of the Oldsmobile Company.

Mrs. Hendrickson's body was borne to its final resting place in Crown Hill cemetery by members of the Delta Pi Gamma sorority, to which she belonged. The Rev. Father George Smith conducted the services.

Mrs. Hendrickson, who was 21, is survived by her husband; her father, Wallace Cunningham, and a brother, Walter Cunningham.

INCREASE UP TO SENATE

House Votes to Give Police Chief \$5,000 a Year.

Increase of the salary of Police Chief Rikhooff today hung on action by the Senate on a bill which passed the House Friday by a bare constitutional majority, 31 to 25. The bill provides the chief's salary shall be increased from \$4,000 a year to \$5,000.

BIPARTISAN BILL PASSES

House Favors Abolition of Office of Road Superintendent.

Abolition of the office of county highway superintendent and appointment of district road supervisors is provided in the Carter-Scott highway bill which passed the House today, 59 to 14. In order to become a law the bill must pass three successive readings in the Senate before gaining the signature of the Governor.

SAYS 'COPS' BERATED HIM

Insulted When Motor Stalled, Autoist Tells Rikhooff

An investigation was started by Police Chief Rikhooff today after Atho Bartholomew, 901 Lexington Ave., reported four men, who said they were policemen, berated him and a young woman in insulting language Wednesday evening.

Rikhooff said Bartholomew said his automobile stalled and he was fixing the motor with his companion sitting in the car when the men drove alongside. The men did not wear uniform and had no badges, Rikhooff said he was told. The chief said he would try to learn if they were policemen.

Clothes and Revolver Gone

Ted Stoten, 505 N. Illinois St., today told police a thief took clothing and a revolver valued at \$35 from his room.

'Junk' NEW YORK, March 3.—Fritz Schneider asked police for a license to sell German marks.

"Why don't you go to the license bureau?" "I did. They told me to come here and get a junk license."

RALSTON GOES HOUSE HUNTING

New Senator Establishing Himself in Capital.

BY JOHN CARSON
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Senator-Elect Samuel M. Ralston of Indiana went house hunting in Washington today.

Ralston had decided on an unpretentious hotel near the Capitol, but he agreed to look over other hotels nearer the executive department.

Although he already has offices established, he will not make his permanent headquarters here until December when Congress reconvenes. Democratic members of the next House visited Ralston last night, but it was announced the meeting was entirely social.

The new Senator expects to return to Indianapolis in a few days to continue his law business.

IT'S OVER, OVER THERE

Lost Remnant of Rhine Army Arrives Home.

By United Press
NEW YORK, March 3.—"And they won't come back until it's over, over there."

Evidently it's over, for the last remnant of the American Army of occupation arrived home today on the liner George Washington. The remnant consisted of Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen and fifty-four men who had remained behind to wind up affairs in Coblenz.

16,603 Parents Vote Indorsement of Building Program for Schools

By a vote of 16,603 to 1,500, parents of Indianapolis school children have expressed approval of the school building program, according to figures given out today.

The school board recently sent out a summary of the program for the elimination of portable buildings by the erection of modern school buildings. Each summary was accompanied by a ballot.

EXPLOSION PROVES FATAL TO WOMAN

Three Are Burned in Stove Blacking Blast.

Burns suffered late Friday when a pan of stove blackening liquid exploded at her home proved fatal today to Mrs. Clyde Watson, 28, of 525 Lynn St. She died in the city hospital.

Virginia, Mrs. Watson's 1-year-old daughter, and Columbus Gebhart, 57, of 325 N. Tacoma Ave., also were burned.

Mrs. Watson was blacking the stove when the explosion occurred. The flaming liquid covered her dress. She pushed little Virginia out of the way and ran from the house. Gebhart, a carpenter working nearby, threw his coat around Mrs. Watson and rolled her on the ground. His face and hands were burned slightly. Virginia was burned slightly about the face and hands and her hair was singed.

SENATE REFUSES TO TALK WORLD COURT

Vote 49 to 24 Against Consideration at This Session.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Senate today refused to consider American adhesion to the permanent court of international justice at this session.

On a motion by Senator King to take up his resolution approving American membership, in conformity with President Harding's request, the Senate voted 49 to 24 against consideration.

WOMAN DIES SUDDENLY

Physicians Say Heart Trouble, Probable Cause.

While standing on the front porch of her home, 1439 Lafayette St., Ellen Sweetland, 79, colored, suddenly dropped dead shortly before noon today. Attending physicians believed death was due to heart trouble. The body was taken to the city morgue.

Ruhr Invaders Occupy Mannheim, Darmstadt and Karlsruhe.

MOVE DECLARED REPRISAL

Germans Fear Frankfurt Is Objective of French Troops.

United Press Staff Correspondent

BERLIN, March 3.—The French today occupied two of the most important industrial cities of the Rhine valley—Mannheim and Darmstadt. Somewhat later Karlsruhe was also taken by the French.

The arrival of several companies which seized these cities puts the French much nearer to Frankfurt, and the Germans fear this city may next be taken.

About 300 troops were used in the occupation of Mannheim, 120 of these bringing their baggage and camping out in the Hilda school house, while others scattered throughout industrial quarters.

The Luxemburg railroad station and the Mannheim customs office were occupied.

At Darmstadt, a company of white French troops and, according to reports from German sources, one of colored, marched into the city and confiscated railroad work shops.

By seizing the harbor section of Mannheim, the French control Rhine shipping and the customs. Posts to put this control immediately into effect were established.

The Germans have frequently incorrectly reported advances upon these two cities.

Today's occupation was effected swiftly. It was a shock to the inhabitants, who immediately arranged measures of resistance. Railway workers at both Darmstadt and Mannheim quit work when they found the French in their midst.

The invaders were active in the Ruhr as well, rounding up officials who are to be deported, arresting and dismantling police, while cavalry and tanks occupied and controlled the center of Gelsenkir-chen.

Near Rothhausen last night 6,000 French troops with tanks and machine guns surprised and surrounded a company of "green police," marching 250 of the Germans to an unknown destination.

OCCUPATION IN REPRISAL

Rhine Ports Only Will Be Taken, French Say.

By United Press
PARIS, March 3.—Announcing officially the occupation of parts of Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Darmstadt today, the French government stated this far only the Rhine ports of the first two cities and the railroad work shops in the last had been seized.

The occupation is in reprisal for recent acts of sabotage in the Ruhr and Rhineland, the French announced. The entire cities will be occupied if shooting continues.

MARCH LION DUE IN CITY TONIGHT

Temperatures Near Freezing Are Forecast.

The March lion will chase the lamb out of Indianapolis tonight, according to J. H. Arrington, weather bureau meteorologist.

Temperatures near freezing, accompanied by rain or snow will make the world unsafe for spring millinery tonight and Sunday, he said. Predictions call for snow in northern Indiana, rain in the southern part of the State and possibly a mixture of the two for Indianapolis.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 51 10 a. m. 57
7 a. m. 51 11 a. m. 57
8 a. m. 51 12 (noon) 59
9 a. m. 55

LENIN MUCH IMPROVED

Condition of Soviet Premier Pronounced Favorable.

By United Press
MOSCOW, March 3.—Premier Lenin of Russia has been critically ill again, although little mention of it has been made. War Commissary Radevsky announced today, however, that Lenin's condition is now favorable and that the premier will be able to return to work in three or four weeks.

DUNES BILL IS ADVANCED

Measure to Buy 2,000 Acres Goes to Second Reading.

The House dunes pack bill, providing for State purchase of 2,000 acres of dunes land bordering Lake Michigan, passed second reading in the Senate today.