

BELIEVES WORLD RELATIONS IN 'GRAVE STATE'

Herriot Avers International Condition Worst Since World War.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS
 Senior-Howard Foreign Editor
 WASHINGTON, May 14.—"Never since the World war has the international situation appeared as grave as today."

Such is the impression of former Premier Edouard Herriot of France on the eve of the League of Nations conference at Geneva this week.

And while the United States is not a member of the league, Washington has caught the Herriot blues and is anxiously awaiting developments.

"The most resolute pacifists—among whom I count myself," Herriot told the United Press, "are beginning to wonder if the foundation of a new order is humanly possible at this time."

Not only are China, India and Latin-America in turmoil, both politically and economically, but all Europe, from Russia to Portugal, is seething with perilous unrest.

So unsettled are world conditions, in fact, that there is quiet talk of postponing the general disarmament conference scheduled for next winter.

Don't Dare Call it Off
 But the tension being what it is, the chancelleries of the world don't dare call it off for fear of scaring the nations into the very thing they wish to avoid.

It is against this grim background that the principal sessions of the globe are now being held at Geneva for perhaps the most important meeting of the council of the league ever has held.

One issue alone would make the situation critical, even if there were nothing else up for discussion, namely the proposed Austro-German customs union.

Concluded in secret—so it is alleged—the bargain is characterized by France as a thinly-disguised political union, the first open step in the long-desired merger of the two countries. And France stands prepared to fight any such union to the last ditch on the grounds that it violates the war treaties and jeopardizes her national security.

Briand Assailed
 French Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, who for years has fought an uphill fight to bring about a Franco-German understanding, and who was responsible for evacuation of the Ruhr and the Rhineland, today finds himself bitterly assailed by many of his own countrymen.

So Briand this week at Geneva will find himself in a dramatic role. There he will offer Germany and Austria and the rest of the old world his own scheme for a general economic union—his renewed and revised plan for an economic United States of Europe—as "something better" than the Austro-German and other purely regional agreements.

Also he will be called upon to fight the Austro-German scheme, for such is the mandate of his country, almost to a man. Even pacifists like Herriot insist upon it. They regard it as vital to prevent a new balance of power which, as the late "Tiger" Clemenceau warned just before he died, would end in Germany's remaking the map of Europe and telling France into what little corner she could retire and die.

Arms Conference Fate Up
 Already the Austro-German union bombshell has blown the Franco-Italian naval accord out of the water.

Upon the outcome of the League meetings now beginning, therefore, very largely depends the fate of the world arms conference next February.

Unless France, Germany, Italy and Austria can get together now, disarmament next year, or any other year soon, would be a miracle.

RESIGNS AS MANAGER
 National Cash Register Company Head Ends 25 Years' Service.

By United Press
 DAYTON, O., May 14.—Resignation of J. H. Barringer as vice-president and general manager of the National Cash Register Company was announced today, effective immediately.

Barringer's resignation ended a quarter of a century of service with the concern which he joined in a minor capacity. He also resigned from the board of directors.

Co-Ed Thrice Honored
 BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 14.—Miss Lillian Decker, Newcastle, was the recipient of three honors at the annual razz banquet of Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalistic sorority at Indiana university. She was chosen summer editor of the Daily Student, campus newspaper; chosen as the outstanding woman journalist student, and with Miss Charlotte Stier, Ft. Wayne, shares the outstanding co-ed honor.

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STIRRING DRIVE OPENS TO SAVE IRON ANIMALS

Organ Pumpers' Guild Also Will Seek to Place Conch Shell in Every Home.

By United Press
 NEW YORK, May 14.—The Ancient Guild of Pipe Organ Pumpers, which each year discovers some worthy cause that every one else had overlooked, opened a stirring campaign today to "conserve the fast-disappearing cast iron animals of America."

Impressive plans for the conservation drive were drawn up at the guild's annual dinner—a perennially serio-comic affair which is the only meeting on its calendar.

This year's crusade was decided upon when Samuel Taylor Moore, known as vox humana of the New York York, reported on the steady decline of various cast iron species, especially the front lawn deer.

Chat Over Pretzel Bowl
 The guild announced it would open its drive when 10,000 former pumpers march to the Empire State building and form into a human flag, while Vox Humana Moore, also acting tremolo of the conservation crusade, climbs to the mooring mast and releases twenty cast iron pigeons.

Although the fauna will boast a total weight of 400 pounds, Acting Tremolo Moore has assured his fellow pumpers that the pigeons will be scattered.

While Moore read his report, surrounded by charts showing the seats of Portal 30 of the Yale bowl and the minutes of the 20th fiscal meeting, 100 pumpers sank their teeth into luscious fowl (not cast iron) and chattered over the pretzel bowl.

Conch Shell Wins Champion
 Moore said that previous resolutions of the guild had been sent to congress, and that he hoped soon to get a cast-iron animal reservation. He suggested Metropolis, Ill., about three miles from Tullie Eppard's place, as the logical site.

Another report of interest was read by Chet Shafer, grand diapason, who read sections of depression from letters Nos. 483,960 and 13EB.

A committee, he said, lately had started preliminary investigation in the hopes of placing a conch shell in every American home to bring the sea within reach of every one.

Three members were awarded pump handles for distinguished service.

Sunday school teachers in England and Wales number more than 530,000.

DRUIDS IN 'FUN FEST'

Prominent State Officers Will Attend Membership Fete.

Louis C. Schwartz, noble grand arch of the Grand Grove of Indiana, Ancient Order of Druids, will be the principal speaker Sunday at a celebration of membership gains in the order during the last six months.

The "fun fest" at Druid's hall, 29 South Delaware street, will be attended by prominent officers of the state organization, who also will speak.

Delegations from Richmond, Blanford and Lafayette are expected, according to F. Earl Guider, chairman of the committee in charge.

An elaborate program of vaudeville acts will feature the Bean Creek string band. The meeting will close with a banquet.

TWO COMMIT SUICIDE BY DRINKING POISON
 Despondency Over Injuries Causes War Veteran to End Life.

Leaving notes, two men late on Wednesday committed suicide by drinking poison.

Albert Kromer, 68, of 27 1/2 South Illinois street, died after he was found in a secluded spot on the Butler university campus. He left a note to Coroner Fred W. Vehling for disposal of his body and asked that an official of the Salvation Army be notified of his death.

Despondent over illness resulting from injuries received in the World war, Joseph Ross, 45, committed suicide in the Craig hotel, 328 East Washington street.

Carl Sheets, police officer, who investigated, said he had served with Ross for eighteen months in France in Battery D, One hundred fiftieth field artillery. Sheets was a first sergeant in the company.

MOREHEAD NAMED TO SCOTTISH RITE POST
 Gail H. Morehead was re-elected sovereign prince of Saraiiah Council Princes of Jerusalem at its annual meeting in the Scottish Rite cathedral Wednesday night.

This body, second of the constituent bodies of the Scottish Rite, confers the fifteenth and sixteenth degrees. Other officers re-elected and appointed are:

John O. Hobson, high priest; Clarence R. Martin, senior warden; Stanley G. Myers, junior warden; Edward D. Moore, treasurer; Fred I. Willis, secretary; Martin T. Ott, hospitalier; Alfred R. Tilly, master of ceremonies; Crawford H. Barker, master of entrances, and Frank Born.

SQUADRON WILL FLY FROM CITY TO AIR REVIEW

National Guard Planes to Participate in Dayton Demonstration.

Five planes of the Indiana national guard observation squadron will depart at 7 a. m. Friday for Dayton to participate in the army air corps maneuvers in which 672 army and national guard planes will take part.

Guard members who will leave Friday include Captain T. S. Voss, Captain L. I. Aretz, Lieutenants Matt G. Carpenter, Howard H. Maxwell and Robert N. Taylor; Master Sergeants E. N. Caldwell and John E. Folsom and Staff Sergeants

COVETED HONOR GIVEN SIR TOM

Finally Made Member of Royal Squadron.

LONDON, May 14.—Sir Thomas Lipton was elected a member of the Royal Yacht Squadron today.

The honor of belonging to the foremost and most exclusive yacht club in Great Britain has come to Britain's famous yachtsman late in life.

Despite his long and valiant fight to lift the America's cup from the United States with Shamrock after Shamrock, Sir Thomas has been consistently ignored by the committee of the Cowes Club.

The fact that Sir Thomas, who made his fortune selling tea and groceries, was a tradesman, always has been regarded as the reason for his failure to make the Royal Yacht Squadron.

Gold Star Mothers in France
 By United Press
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