

CHALLENGE VARE ON JOBS DELAYED

Senator Ascribes Work Undone to the Exigencies of the War

PHASE OF CHARTER FIGHT

War conditions were responsible, in the substance of Senator Vare's reply to questions by the Philadelphia charter committee regarding delay or complete stoppage of work on four city contracts.

The questions, as well as answers, to two queries made by Senator Vare were embodied in a statement issued by Powell Evans, publicity chairman of the charter revision committee.

Senator Vare at City Hall tomorrow will preside at a hearing on charter revision. Only opponents of the Woodward bills will be heard. Supporters of the measures were heard March 25 at Harrisburg.

The statement inquires why the Philadelphia Subway Construction Company took a contract for the northeast sewage treatment works, left the work uncompleted and removed its equipment early in the summer of 1918, although retaining the contract.

Senator Vare's reply to this question, given after he was shown the full statement, follows:

"The Philadelphia Subway Construction Company stopped work on the sewage disposal plant in the northeast just as all other big contracts were stopped in this city, when the United States Government took all workmen and material and used them in war contracts."

The charter committee's next question, in brief, was:

"Why did Senator Vare take a contract September 6, 1917, for grading the right of way at League Island Park for \$35,000, and only do work on it amounting to \$12,252.16, when the city annulled the contract, October 30, 1918?"

"If any one cares to look up the matter," was Senator Vare's answer, "they will find that the Pennsylvania Railroad and the city jointly canceled the right of way contract so that the material could be used to fill in swamps and to lay railroad tracks to the Greenwich piers, where the government was spending \$10,000,000. This was caused by the starting of the war and the changing of the plans."

The charter committee's next question was why Senator Vare contracted February 7 to remove houses on Twenty-fifth street for \$250,000, on which contract no work had been done since August 28, 1918.

To that question in the statement issued by Mr. Evans, Senator Vare replied:

"The Twenty-fifth street grade crossing removal contract was ordered stopped by the head of the United States Arsenal on Gray's Ferry road, and all material and machinery in use in the contract were removed by the head of the arsenal because of the war preparations being made at the arsenal. This contract was cancelled as soon as the war preparations were started."

The charter committee's final question was concerned with the building of foundations for the Frankford elevated line. Senator Vare had the foundations contract for the northern end of the line, James Dorney the contract for the lower portion.

Vare Work "Long Delayed"

The committee asserted that Dorney completed his contract, but that Senator Vare "long delayed his work, and that his contract was finally canceled and re-advertised and relet to Contractor Vare at about 100 per cent increase in price."

To this the Senator answered: "War conditions were responsible in the case of the Frankford elevated foundations contract. The Rapid Transit Company either would not or could not get the tracks out of the way, and Director Twining properly canceled my contract. Mr. Dorney's contract pre-

French Ask That League Adopt Their Language

Paris, April 9.—(By A. P.)—The French Society for the Promotion of a League of Nations has adopted, on motion of Professor Aulard, of the University of Paris, an eminent authority on history, a resolution asking the Peace Conference to adopt French as the official language of the league of nations. The society is also promoting a movement in favor of Paris as the seat of the league of nations.

This organization is entirely unofficial, and the French government will take no steps to assist the movement relative to the capital of the league.

The foreign office officials who will speak on the subject say that France would be proud if a location in this country might be chosen, but that no formal steps will be taken to that end.

ceded mine by about a year, and then the war came along. The Rapid Transit Company was able later, nearly two years later, to complete its work, and I was again awarded the contract at the prices that then prevailed."

Sidney Drew Dies: Was Noted Actor

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"Billy's Tombstones," which was regarded as one of the funniest in vaudeville.

Incidentally, the playlet was presented first in this city in Keith's Theatre.

New Tone to Movies

He gave a new tone to the movies, and attracted a class of patronage that hitherto had refrained from that kind of amusement.

The versatile actor appeared in his film successes with his wife, who was known on the screen as Jane Morrow. Mr. Drew's first wife, a daughter of the late McKee Rankin, died in 1914. He married Miss Morrow, whose real name was Lucille McVey, two years later.

Mr. Drew's last picture was called "The Amateur Liar," and is being presented here this week. One of his greatest successes in the picture line was "Once a Mason," which was one of the latest releases.

His most artistic work on the legitimate stage was his portrayal of Tony Lumpkin, in an all-star revival of "She Stoops to Conquer."
S. Rankin Drew, a son of the actor, was killed in France, when fighting with the Lafayette Escadrille. The death of his son and the strenuous work in connection with his career are believed to have been responsible for the actor's collapse.

Foe May Appeal for Allied Army

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behind it, the Bavarian council government appears less able to impose itself upon the country, and the general political situation has become more involved and threatening than ever. Not only has the support of the old government taken concrete form in north Bavaria, but the breach among the social democrats in South Bavaria has widened until the Majority Socialists, the Independent Socialists and the communists are not at all united.

The Independent Socialists of Munich and Nuremberg are split hopelessly. In the latter city they are absolutely opposed to the soviet system for the present, the former city siding with the proponents of that system, but laying down twelve conditions, including a dictatorship of the proletariat, the building up of workmen's councils, the socialization of the bureaucracy according to the principles of the workmen's, peasants' and soldiers' councils, the introduction of general labor duty for the bourgeoisie, the reconstitution of courts on a revolutionary basis, the reconstruction of the dwelling system, the separation of church and state, the immediate reorganization of the system of school education, the socialization of the press and the creation of a red army alliance with Russia and Hungary. They also demand proportionate representation of the three parties in the central council.

The council has accepted these conditions, so the Independent Socialists are supporting the soviet plan, but their leader, Doctor Levin, is still pessimistic and believes that the present council fails to represent the proletariat and that the basic idea of the council has been strangled. The Majority Socialists in south Bavaria have gone utterly to pieces and are wholly at outs with those in north Bavaria. The bourgeoisie of both north and south Bavaria are working with renewed vigor to prevent the establishment of the present council system. The original cabinet, containing two Majority Socialists, has been altered so as to eliminate them and several others to whom objection was made, but its makeup is still a matter of doubt.

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the effect the establishment of a Soviet government at Munich may have on the conclusion of peace.

The delegates are considering the eventual necessity of negotiating two peace treaties with Germany, one with Berlin and the other with Munich.

The preliminary peace treaty will require Germany to make an immediate indemnity payment on account of 25,000,000,000 francs (\$5,000,000,000) in cash and raw materials, according to the Echo de Paris. The treaty, it declares, will not leave uncertain the total amount which Germany is to pay, as that amount will be written into the document.

Reparation Report Adopted

The first interim report of the second subcommittee of the commission on reparations, dealing with the financial condition of enemy states and the means of payment, was adopted yesterday by the commission. It was decided to present this report and the report of the first subcommittee on categories of damage and methods of valuation to the general secretary of the Peace Conference.

In an article discussing whether the Monroe Doctrine can be reconciled with the league of nations, the *Matin* declares it would be paradoxical to uphold it, adding:

"Either the league of nations extends to the entire world, in which case Europeans would violate the Monroe Doctrine in mingling in American

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Constantinople, April 9.—(By A. P.)—The Turkish commission appointed to draw up a report dealing with the national rights of Ottomans before the Peace Conference has concluded its labors. The report will be submitted to the high commissioners of the Allies directly.

INFANT NATIONS GET OUTLET TO THE SEA

Waterways Commission Regulates Danube and Rhine

Freedom of Transportation

Paris, April 9.—(By A. P.)—A report on regulations and restrictions to be imposed upon communications in enemy states in order that newly created nations in central Europe may have access to the sea has been completed for the Peace Conference by the commission on the regulation of ports, waterways and railroads.

Freedom of transportation through Germany and Austria and equality of treatment in ports and harbors has been provided for, as has been the international regulation of traffic over the Rhine and Danube rivers.

The report does not approach the problem of international regulation of great waterways outside the domains of present enemy states, nor does it deal with the Vistula, the great river artery of northern Europe, since the commission, when formulating its con-

clusions, was not aware whether the peace settlement would give the navigable reaches of the Vistula entirely to new Poland or leave the mouth, with the city of Danzig, in German hands.

Rhine River Is Opened

The regulation of transportation over the Rhine and Danube forms probably the most important part of the report, which provides for the entrance of France, Switzerland and some non-partisan states to the present Mannheim convention between Germany and Holland covering the navigation of the Rhine.

The European commission, controlling the mouths of the Danube, will be continued, representatives of present enemy states being excluded from it, and

a similar international commission will be established provisionally for the upper Danube. This will last until a new general Danube convention is established.

A New International Convention

covering the navigation of the Elbe and other rivers is recommended to protect the interests of Poland and Czechoslovakia and give them freedom of navigation, without discriminating duties, down through German territory to the North and Baltic seas.

The commission, in conclusion, recommends that the league of nations be constituted the future arbitrator and regulator of all these problems, with the right to take up and revise present regulations at any time.

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