

**CALLS PEACE PACT
UNFAIR TO POLAND**

American Commissioner Tells
Lloyd George How Peace
Conference Blocked Plans

PRAISE FOR PADREWSKI

The life and death struggle of war-torn Poland for her very existence and the imminence of the foe that still menace her were brought before the first night to Philadelphia at the second meeting of the Philadelphia Peace Forum on the evening of the Academy of Music. The speaker was Dr. R. P. Padrewski, professor of modern European history at Harvard and chief of the Polish division of the American Peace Commission at Paris. George Wharton Pepper presided.

It was a significant index of the changes that have been brought upon the world by the war, that Padrewski, who has so often in past years vibrated with the applause that has greeted Padrewski as a musician, last night acted as a patriot and a soldier against his crushed and bleeding native land.

The tribute to the pianist-statesman was brought out by a question asked of the speaker at the conclusion of his address. "How valuable has Padrewski's services been to the cause of peace?" "In answering that question," said Dr. Lord, "I might distinguish between internal and foreign affairs. Padrewski actually has been ending a crisis between the Polish parties and founding the first government that everybody could accept."

Later, he had so many tasks on his hands, and foreign questions, particularly at Paris, were so absorbing that I fear he could not find time to write and address and keep them running smoothly as might have been desired.

"You must remember that Padrewski is an orator and a pianist, both at home and in Paris, and keep them off their feet by his eloquence."

"Secondly, he is so obviously a high-minded and disinterested patriot that he commands confidence from everybody. He is a patriot and a pianist, and the friendship of Lloyd George. It gained a great many things for Poland that a statesman would not have been able to do."

"His services were inestimable to Poland. They were not entirely unappreciated, but he did what probably no other could have done."

Settlement Not the Fairest
Throughout the address and in the answers to questions, the speaker made many allusions which plainly indicated that the actions of Lloyd George and other members at Paris were not the fairest. His speech, in fact, left the impression that the English premier was a constant troublemaker in the conference.

The general tendency of the French representatives, he said, was extremely favorable to Poland. They were on the side of the "peace" in Poland, and the eastern frontier tried to keep the aspirations of Poland in check in order not to offend Russia, but with these reservations France was for a stronger Poland.

France and Poland were bound together by common interests and the former also felt that the Poles might receive the eastern France on the east.

France, therefore, wanted a strong Poland, while England used to feel that a new state would be a liability rather than an asset so far as security was concerned.

The most significant statements came in answer to the question: "Was the Paris settlement the fairest to Poland that could have been reached?" Dr. Lord heartily answered "no" and then said frankly:

"No. The Danzig settlement was a very grave blow to the most vital interest of the new state, which is now reduced to definite treaty signed on the other day and it whittles away some rights that the peace treaty assured to Poland."

"Danzig is now governed by a mixed commission composed of two Danzigers, two Poles and one neutral. Poland has no control."

"Last summer the Poles were fighting for their lives against the Bolsheviks. Through the hostility of the Danzig Germans and the high commissioner, the part of Danzig was yielded to Polish munitions, and if the action had not been righted, it might have been fatal to Poland."

"Conditions in that city now are just as bad as can be imagined. Poles are constantly mobbed in the streets there."

"What is the present condition of affairs?" was another question. "Is the government likely to remain?"

"That is difficult to say," replied Dr. Lord. "The whole history of the country was ravaged by war last summer. There is scarcity of food, famine, typhus and epidemics sweeping across it from Russia, which is seething with them."

Conditions Very Bad
"Polish industry has received a terrible setback. Their finances are bad. Their mark is now worth about one-tenth of its former value."

"The internal economic situation is deplorable and it cannot fail to be so in a country which has been fought over for six years without interruption."

"I hesitate to advance an opinion of the present government. The cabinet may not endure, but I have an impression that the President is still decidedly popular and may remain for some time."

Dr. Lord outlined the first recommendations made by the commission for the settlement of the Polish question and told how British opposition was made manifest immediately upon the submission of the findings to the Peace Conference.

"On every question that came up," he said, "England adopted an attitude much less friendly or more hostile than any other power. The Poles ascribe all their diplomatic defeats to Lloyd George."

"But whatever divergences of opinion there were related to secondary questions at first. All were agreed on the fundamental that an independent Polish state should be created with assured access to the sea. And it was agreed that the frontiers should be marked out on an ethnographic basis."

"The speaker described the difficulties of determining the real nationalities as complicated through the various territorial adjustments in Poland proper, the mixture of Poles and Germans in the eastern provinces of Prussia."

"The 'Corridor to the Sea'"

"The first report of the commission, he said, voted outright to Poland two-thirds of the province of Upper Silesia, as the Poles were in a majority of 65 per cent in both provinces. It was also proposed that Poland receive the central and eastern zone of West Prussia so that Polish territory should be carried through to the Baltic. This was the origin of the famous 'Corridor to the Sea,' made in accordance with the promise to Poland. This included, he explained, the mouth of the Vistula and the port of

Danzig because the promise could not be kept with these Germans being included.

"It was a question of choosing between two evils," he said. "Either the German in east Prussia would have to communicate with Germany by land across Polish territory or Poland would have to communicate with the outside world across German territory. It was the interests of two million people in east Prussia against the interests of twenty-five million Poles."

Lloyd George's opposition compelled modification in certain of the plans when first proposed. Later the British premier intervened in the vital question of Danzig during a critical moment of the Peace Conference and was able to win the acquiescence of Wilson.

"But," said the speaker, "I believe that Wilson intended Danzig for a Polish port, but I believe he felt it incumbent on him to accept Lloyd George's plan. Clemenceau also was induced to acquiesce against his own will, and the result was a new scheme. These modifications were incorporated in the terms of peace."

Lloyd George Again Talks
"Later, Lloyd George, after returning from a visit to England, became convinced that these terms must be severely modified, whether to get the German consent or to get the approval of the labor party in England. I do not know."

"The most serious modification was taking back Upper Silesia from the Poles to Germany. Plebiscites have already been held in east Prussia and Marienwerder and were favorable to Germany as to be expected. The plebiscite in Upper Silesia, which is the really important one, will be held January 28 and we must look forward to it with a certain amount of anxiety."

"Poland, said Dr. Lord, now has an area of 148,000 square miles and a population estimated at from 23,000,000 to 22,000,000. It is larger than the United Kingdom or Italy and three-quarters as large as France. It ranks as the fifth state in Europe in size and sixth in population."

Praises Polish People
"Doubtless the Poles have many defects," he said in conclusion. "They have made many errors in the past two years and have shown a lack of economic efficiency and the spirit of law and order and stability."

"But they are an extraordinarily talented and gifted people. I doubt if any other nation ever so gifted as the Poles, had a possible exception of the French."

"The Poles have suffered more than any other nation in Europe. Europe has suffered more from an unrequited spirit of patriotism. They have done very well in the two years in which the state has had to begin again what it was for many centuries—the bulwark of republicanism, liberty and western civilization in the troubled east of Europe."

**PRISONER HERE WANTED
IN MANY OTHER CITIES**
Swindles Said to Have Netted Many Thousands

Police investigation revealed that "Harry Jeffries," arrested on suspicion of larceny on Tuesday last, is a much-wanted offender in half a dozen cities.

It was stated at City Hall today that the man is "one of the cleverest forgers and utterers of worthless checks in the eastward part of the country," and that he has swindled banks and individuals out of amounts which, in a period of the last three years, will total thousands of dollars.

Six charges of forgery and stealing automobiles will be made against the man when he is given a hearing at City Hall late today or Monday. After authorities here have "finished" with him, he will be sent to one of the many penitentiaries in Duquesne, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and other cities.

"Jeffries" was arrested by Patrolmen Barrett and District Detectives Clark and Smith when he had been partly intoxicated in a North Ninth street saloon, and boasting to have stolen an automobile in Baltimore.

Before Magistrate Grellis, at a preliminary hearing, he tried to convey the impression that he had been "jesting only." The judge became serious when he was held pending investigation, more serious when the "jester" car was located in a Fairmount avenue garage—and developed into a real proposition which, it is declared, will end with at least a year in the penitentiary.

"Jeffries" has been positively identified by several business men of this city who were victimized by him or by one of his associates, and it is indicated the prisoner's real name is Albert C. Butler.

FIND GUARD ILL IN BANK
George Clay, seventy-five years old, of 3425 Magnolia street, was a night watchman in the vicinity of the Saving Fund Society of Germantown building, at Germantown avenue and School lane, was found lying motionless on the floor of the bank building shortly after 6 o'clock this morning.

Police of the Germantown station were summoned and learned after Clay had revived that he had been the victim of a severe attack of heart trouble shortly after 5 o'clock this morning. Clay had been on duty the day watchman of the bank John Suttie, who refused to allow the police to remove him to a hospital, so he was taken to his home for treatment.

**BRIDESMAID TO 100 GIRLS
IS RECORD OF THIS WOMAN**

She Is Miss Katherine Coyle, Matron at the Gloucester Immigration Station; Also Assists at Christenings and Acts as Purchasing Agent

The spirit of good will is disclosed daily at the Immigration Station at Gloucester, N. J., with each individual, from Commissioner Hughes to John Butts, inclusive, coming in for his or her share of credit. John is juniper, the only Negro in Gloucester, hence he occupies a unique position with the children of the town and station, whose friendship he enjoys.

With a scattering of half a dozen foreign languages, picked up in eight years of work among the immigrants, an ever-ready smile and many words of comfort, Miss Coyle has made the tedious days of waiting brighter for the immigrants.

"I meet the boats and just help make the station a home for these people while they stay here. Even if for reasons they are deported, we must try to give them the slight impression that we care. They all come here with the idea of the 'promised land,' and the battle for mere existence is a struggle that is never-ending. We do our best. One of my duties is to act as a chaperone on shopping trips. One of the funniest experiences I had as purchasing agent was when I took 45 Pol-

'HOME OF DEFAULTING WILMINGTON BANKER



This handsome residence at 2425 Delaware avenue, on the outskirts of Wilmington, has been turned over to the savings fund society from which William Bush is charged with having embezzled \$200,000. The house is still occupied by Mrs. Bush and her children.

**New Shortage Case
Shocks Wilmington**

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of the Bush and Eastman disclosures, George H. Markell, vice president of the Hercules Powder Co., stated today that he accused only the tail-end of the company's finances."

At the assistant treasurer's home today his wife, with tear-filled eyes, said Mr. Eastman had told her last night of the shortages in his accounts. He did not tell her any amount, she said. "Mr. Eastman is a splendid man," Mrs. Eastman said in a decided tone. "I am very sorry he did what he did. The Eastmans have one child, Mary, who is twenty months old."

Eastman was bonded by the National Surety Co. Officers of the Powder Co. said they would take no action in the hands of the bonding company. The Wilmington agents of the National Surety Co. are Gilpin, Van Trump and Montgomery. Members of that firm today refused to reveal what action they would take. "It will be treated as a confidential matter," they stated.

Bush Will Plead Guilty
William Bush, defaulting secretary-treasurer of the Wilmington Savings Fund Society, who is accused of stealing \$200,000 in securities from the institution, will plead guilty.

The theft of \$200,000 worth of bonds from the society will absolutely not affect the soundness of the institution in any manner. The surplus fund is twenty-three times the amount of any possible loss which can accrue by theft of the bonds.

Thought He'd Get Aid
An official of the society expressed disappointment that certain wealthy individuals had not come to Bush's aid, whom he said:

"We really thought they (meaning those wealthy interests) would come to his rescue before things came to the 'showdown.' At least, we thought they would if for no other reason than the fact that they are all well-to-do. They may do it yet."

Bush had access to the securities he stole through the Wilmington Savings Fund Society's securities are lodged, temporarily, in a safe in another banking institution, pending completion of a stock market investigation.

Comment Sarcastic
Comments on the streets are sarcastic in their reference to the downfall of this bank official, who was legally adopted by the son of a prominent manufacturer years ago, and who went into court and had his name legally changed from 'Lonsberry' to that of his foster father.

Bush, after his arrest and hearing, was committed to the workhouse in default of \$100,000 bail. The specific charge against him had been that he had stolen \$150,000 in United States certificates of indebtedness and securities of a railroad valued at \$50,000 and had hypocritically acted as collateral in stock deals in Wilmington brokerage offices.

Shortly after his arrival at the workhouse he was told to discard his business suit and dress in thin, prison uniform. It was at this period he made his only comment—"I'll go into court and plead guilty"—and that was made in response to a query from Warden Hummer.

To all other persons Bush refused to comment. He spent a couple of hours packing the workhouse yard, his head bowed down in thought. But he did not exhibit any symptoms of worry. He ate a "big supper" last night.

A Luxurious Home
The Bush home, at 2425 Delaware avenue, in the exclusive residential section of Wilmington, is of Colonial design, and is estimated today as worth \$75,000 to \$100,000. It is luxuriously furnished.

Bush was connected with the Immanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, not far from the Delaware avenue house, and was active in church work as an official of the congregation. The pastor of the church, the Rev. W. L. Cline, was terse in his comment today:

"Too much has been printed lately about the defaulter and his life. I have had some for I had to call in the services of a patrolman to keep the crowds away from a store we visited. The women were really little more than a bunch of hysterics. Their dress consisted of a slip that reached to the knees, and quite long in the neck, and they wore shiny clothes that had a strange, artificial sheen. I suppose they were a hundred girls who were married, and had taken dozens of babies to be christened."

More than anything about them that I remember, was Miss Coyle said: "It is their gratitude. Hardly a day passes, but I hear from one or more that I've tried to help. Since the war I have had a picture and a justification of letters from aliens we detained here during the war and they all write me being happy."

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