THE WEATHER
Rain and warmer tonight; lowest about 48 degrees; Thursday fair and colder; increasing southerly winds.
TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR

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ANTI-VARE LEADERS MAP OUT CAMPAIGN TO SMASH COMBINE

New Penrose Alliance Holds First Meeting to Launch Primary Battle

TENTATIVE SLATE WILL BE DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

Ward leaders and workers from all parts of the city who want to pound of Senator Vare's tightening grip on the leadership of Brown-Vare-Cunningham combine met today in the headquarters of the new Penrose alliance, 1432 South Penn Square.

The meeting was the first big conference on strategy and tactics that will be employed in the primary campaign this fall when the "combine" will try to retain its hold on important county offices.

Among the early arrivals were John B. McLean, Jr., administration leader of the Nineteenth ward; Andrew Froesch, of the Forty-second ward; Edward Lindell and Frank L. Kenworthy, of the Twenty-first ward.

Brown's Aides "Return"

Some of the ward workers present had transferred their allegiance from the Moore administration to the new "triple alliance," in which Judge Charles L. Brown is a conspicuous figure. Their return to the administration camp is significant of the trend away from the Vare leadership.

Representative Harry Trainer, the city administration's spokesman in the House at Harrisburg, will be present at a further conference in the Penn Square headquarters this evening.

Prospective candidates to oppose the "combine" selections for Row offices will be talked over informally.

Back of the gradual realignment of forces hostile to Vare domination, political leaders say, is loyalty to Senator Pearose coupled with the other practical policy that loyalty to the Moore administration is the most logical course.

"The Forty-second ward is strong for Senator Pearose and for Mayor Moore," said Mr. Froesh, the administration leader there. "One of the most valuable allies there is the women's organization. The women realize that the Mayor is succeeding in his efforts for a cleaner city physically and morally. They have pledged their loyal support. With a representative ticket the administration forces will win the election this fall."

Thirty-third Ward for Moore

John F. Monahan, president of the East End Republican Club of the Thirty-third ward, told at the conference today of a meeting held last night at the club's headquarters, Allegheny avenue and Arlter street.

More than 100 members attended, Mr. Monahan said. All pledged their support to the Moore administration. Councilman Patton was one of the speakers.

The Penrose Alliance headquarters adjoins those of the defunct Republican Alliance, whose president was Thomas W. Cunningham, clerk of the courts. Cunningham was read out of administration favor by Mayor Moore after the first vote in Council which disclosed how the "combine" had undermined the administration majority in the Council.

The Republican Alliance headquarters was deserted today, in contrast with the bustling activity in the Penrose Alliance quarters.

TO CURB PRO-GERMANS

Women to Protest to Mayor on Proposed Meeting

A delegation of the Women's Overseas Legion will call upon Mayor Moore this afternoon to protest against the proposed German propaganda meeting scheduled for Sunday night. The delegation will consist of Mrs. Edward Haller, Miss Sophie Norris, Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Hunter Scarlett, Mlle. Nina Miel and Miss Edith Gillingham.

W. Freeland Kendrick, imperial potentate of the Shrine, will tell members of Lu Lu Temple tonight why he has refused to allow the meeting. The Metropolitan Opera House is owned by Lu Lu Temple. There will also be a meeting of the board of trustees of the Temple this afternoon at 3 o'clock to consider his action.

"I have the keys," said Mr. Kendrick today, reiterating his decision to refuse admittance to the Irish and Germans. "No one will get into the opera house Sunday night."

EDUCATION DELEGATE DEAD

Principal of Springfield High School Victim of Heart Disease

Atlantic City, March 2.—Elmer W. Barstow, forty-five years old, principal of a public school in Springfield, Mass., was found dead in bed last night by Principal Bigelow, of the Atlantic City High School, with whom he was rooming while he was attending the convention of the Department of Superintendency of the National Education Association.

Heart disease was ascribed as the cause of his death by County Physician Lewis Sender, who made an investigation.

CARUSO RESTING WELL

Tenor Suffers No Ill Effects From His Operation

New York, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Enrico Caruso, tenor, who underwent a third operation yesterday for a small abscess in the pleural cavity, was reported to be resting comfortably this morning. He slept well during the night and apparently had suffered no ill effects from the operation, physicians said.

The operation was performed in an effort to remove the cause of a high fever, which Caruso has endured since he fought off a serious relapse two weeks ago.

Mayor Will Talk to I. O. O. F.

Charles C. Bulkeley, head of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania; Usher A. Hall, secretary, and Thomas J. Murtha, chairman of the parade committee, called on Mayor Moore today to invite him to talk at their centennial meeting beginning June 6. Mayor Moore accepted and announced he will speak June 7.

MRS AUSTIN SACKETT
New York society woman who is reported engaged to Leonard M. Thomas, son of the late George C. Thomas, of this city. It is reported that they will be married at Palm Beach

LEONARD THOMAS IS NOT MARRIED AT PALM BEACH

Mystery Introduced in Stotesbury Statement No Wedding Is Held

With statements by Mrs. E. T. Stotesbury that "no wedding took place at El Mirasol," society is wondering if Leonard M. Thomas, New York clubman, and Mrs. Marie Good Sackett, formerly of New London, Conn., but now of Palm Beach, are married—or when they are to be married.

Conflicting reports have introduced the element of mystery. New York dispatches say Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Sackett were to have been married at noon yesterday at El Mirasol, the Palm Beach home of Mr. and Mrs. Stotesbury. Palm Beach dispatches, as outlined, gave emphatic refutation of any rumor that a marriage ceremony was performed at El Mirasol yesterday.

Mr. Thomas was off on a fishing trip with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Drayton. Mrs. Sackett could not be located in Palm Beach, yet there was nothing to indicate that Mrs. Sackett was one of the party with Mr. Thomas on the fishing trip.

Mrs. Thomas refused to discuss either the reported marriage or engagement to Mrs. Sackett.

"I may have a statement to make tomorrow" was all he would say. At any rate, he is personally supervising construction of a $500,000 home on the ocean front at Palm Beach, a home which will rival El Mirasol, the Stotesbury villa.

Mr. Thomas is a son of the late George C. Thomas, of this city.

POSTPONES ATTACK CASE

Judge Reluctantly Puts Off Trial of Teacher's Alleged Assailants

Judge Monaghan today reluctantly granted a continuance until tomorrow of the trial of Clarence Wilson and Joseph A. Hamilton, Negroes, accused of attacking and robbing Mrs. Marie Sterrett, a school teacher of 2623 Bainbridge street.

The teacher was struck over the head with a milk bottle on the night of February 22 and dragged into an alley near Twenty-second and Fitzwater streets.

An attorney for the defendants today asked Judge Monaghan to continue the case because he said he had been given no chance to confer with his clients.

Mrs. Sterrett was in an anteroom prepared to testify. She was accompanied by a physician and a nurse.

Wilson pleaded guilty to a charge of robbing Mrs. Mary Milligan, 1706 South Sixtieth street, two weeks ago, but, with Hamilton, pleaded not guilty to the other charges.

Mrs. Sterrett said she feigned unconsciousness after she had been knocked down. One of her assailants proposed killing her. The other man told him she was already dead.

The executive council of the parish of the Holy Apostles sent a letter of sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sterrett. She is a member of that congregation. Bishop Rhinelander has written a personal letter to Mrs. Sterrett assuring her of his sorrow over her misfortune.

BID ON HOG ISLAND STEEL

$9.21 a Net Ton Is Offered for Surplus Stock on Hand

Washington, March 2.—Six bids were opened by the United States shipping board today for the sale of 110,000 tons of surplus ship steel at Hog Island.

The highest bid, by the Steel Co. of America, offered $9.21 a net ton, filing a certified check for $102,000 and agreeing to complete payment in ten months.

Other bids with the amount of the certified checks accompanying and the period specified for completing payment, were as follows:

Essex Iron and Steel Co., New York, $7.13 net ton, eighteen months, $80,000 check.

Merchants Metal Corporation, New York, $9.265 net ton, nine to twelve months, $135,000 check.

Midvale Steel and Ordnance Co., Philadelphia, $8.50 net ton, five months, $115,000 check.

Richard De Con, Philadelphia, $6.018 net ton, twenty-six months, $105,000 check.

SHORT-LOAN BILL AMENDED

Trainer Starts Fight, but Combine Leader Gets Measure Over

Harrisburg, March 2.—A tempest in a teapot was stirred up today in the House over the Philadelphia short-term loan bill for temporary improvements. Representative Stadtlander, Pittsburgh, chairman of the municipal affairs committee, presented amendments given him by Richard Weglein, president of Council.

Mr. Stadtlander asked unanimous consent to introduce the amendments. During a brief debate Representative Trainer charged that during a committee hearing Stadtlander had accused him of furthering "guerilla warfare."

Representative Green, Philadelphia, supported Mr. Trainer and Representatives Sowers and Glass came to the rescue of Stadtlander.

The amendments went in without objection.

"City Solicitor Smyth suggested the changes," said Weglein.

FIND LANDIS SHOWS IMPROPRIETY IN HOLDING DUAL JOBS

House Judicial Committee Recommends Next Congress Fully Probe Charges

VOLSTEAD RESERVES RIGHT TO FILE MINORITY REPORT

By the Associated Press

Washington, March 2.—Acceptance by Federal Judge Landis of the position as supreme baseball arbitrator is inconsistent with the full and adequate performance of his duties as judge and constitutes a serious impropriety on his part, the House judiciary committee held today in recommending full investigation at the next session of Congress of impeachment charges made by Representative Welty, Democrat, Ohio.

The report of the subcommittee was adopted unanimously by the full committee, although Chairman Volstead reserved the right to file a minority report.

The subcommittee said the charges of Mr. Welty involved "the legal and moral character of Judge Landis' alleged act in accepting employment as baseball arbitrator at a salary of $42,500 a year and that it had found "that said act of accepting the employment aforesaid, if proved, is in their opinion at least, inconsistent with the full and adequate performance of the duty of the said Kenesaw Mountain Landis as a United States district judge and that said act would constitute a serious impropriety on the part of said judge."

The report was signed by Representative Dyer, Republican, Missouri, acting chairman; Representatives Husted, New York; Boies, Iowa, Republicans, and Gard, Ohio, and Summers, Texas, Democrats.

Representative Summers said in a statement that he regarded the charge as perhaps the most important collateral proposition which had arisen with regard to the federal judiciary since the organization of the government.

"I am in favor of going to the bottom of the matter," he declared, "and to the limit of the law in stopping any such practice as that which is charged in this case."

In the Senate today Senator Dial, South Carolina, offered a resolution to make it a misdemeanor for federal judges to hold more than one job, but consideration of it was objected to by Senator Poindexter, Washington, in charge of the naval appropriation bill, and it went over. Senator Poindexter said the resolution would invoke general discussion and consume more time than the closing hours of the session permitted.

SOCIETY GIRL ABANDONS TRIP TO TURKEY TO WED

Vera Brinkworth Will Not Go to Meet Commander Tribou

Miss Vera Brinkworth, daughter of Mrs. Howard E. Stevenson, of Elkins Park, who was to have sailed for Constantinople next Sunday to be married to Lieutenant Commander Howard A. Tribou, has been forced to postpone her wedding, due to troubled political conditions in Europe.

Mrs. Stevenson said today Commander Tribou is not due back in this country for two years and there is a likelihood of the wedding's delay until then.

The Commander, who is aboard the U. S. S. St. Louis as medical director of the Mediterranean fleet, is now thought to be in Egyptian waters. Although his fiancee has not heard from him for three weeks, it has been rumored that if conditions in Russia grow worse the St. Louis may sail for the Baltic sea.

Commander Tribou's home was in Maine. He is a nephew of Captain David H. Tribou, chaplain of the Naval Home here. He is a graduate of Harvard Medical School and of Colby University.

MAYOR KITTS SURRENDERS

Erie Chief Magistrate Taken Into Custody

Erie, Pa., March 2.—Mayor Miles R. Kitts this morning went to the chambers of President Judge P. P. Rossiter and surrendered himself. An order had been issued by the court for the arrest of Mayor Kitts and was in the hands of Major L. M. Phelps, a deputy sheriff. The mayor, who was in Harrisburg yesterday, returned to the city this morning.

He was met at the station by City Solicitor Cornell and his daughter, Miss Charlotte Kitts. They drove directly to the mayor's office at the City Hall and from there the mayor and solicitor went to the office of Judge Rossiter.

CLARK AT DEATH'S DOOR

End Momentarily Expected, but He May Linger Several Hours

Washington, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Representative Champ Clark was pronounced to be dying at 12:30 p. m. today. Dr. Jesse Shoup, his physician, said the end might come within a few minutes or that Mr. Clark might linger several hours.

Dr. Shoup said the former speaker lost consciousness early today and that oedema of the lungs had set in at 9 a. m. Mr. Clark's respiration was described as very weak.

Attendants said that before the former speaker fell into a coma his mind was wandering in his delirium among memories of his long service in the House and of legislative battles of the past. They had made out, they said, the words "the question is on agreeing to the conference report," with which the speaker brings to its final conclusion in the House the fight on any bill.

U. S. DEBT UP $58,449,845

Washington, March 2.—An increase of $58,449,845.36 in the public debt during February was announced today by the Treasury, the gross total February 28 being $24,051,681,728.28, compared with $23,993,231,882.92 January 31. Treasury officials explained that in months when income tax installments are not due the public debt always increases owing to issues of treasury certificates.

Bills Punishing Bribery of Ball Players Offered

Harrisburg, March 2.—Three bills making it a felony for persons participating in baseball or other athletic contests to accept bribes, for any one to give such bribes or to bet on games were introduced in the Senate today by Senator W. J. McNichol, Philadelphia.

The penalty for bribery or attempted bribery of a participant is made from one to five years and a fine of not more than $10,000; the second bill makes the penalty from two to five years, while the third makes a penalty of from six months to five years. The bills were sent to the judiciary general committee.

TWO MEN KILLED IN PENNSY WRECK

Crew Lose Lives in Train Collision Twenty-five Miles West of Harrisburg

THREE PASSENGERS HURT

The engineman of an eastbound Pennsylvania Railroad passenger train was instantly killed and a fireman so badly scalded that he died a short time later, when the train crashed into the rear of "preference freight" near Bailey's Station, twenty-three miles west of Harrisburg, at 5:51 o'clock this morning.

William J. Lhue, of Altoona, was killed. He was buried under his engine and his body was not recovered until an hour after the wreck. William E. Smith, of Huntingdon, the fireman, was also buried under the wreckage. He was taken to the Harrisburg Hospital, where he died shortly after admission.

The passenger train, known as No. 32, was speeding eastward at a rate of forty five miles an hour and was due in Harrisburg at 6:15 o'clock.

According to an unofficial report, the preference freight had stopped at Bailey sation, taken on water, and was pulling away when the crash occurred. A misunderstanding of signals is believed responsible.

The engineman of the passenger did not see the freight until he was almost on it. He reversed the airbrakes, but the momentum carried the train into the rear of the freight.

The rear eight cars of the freight were wrecked by the locomotive of the passenger train, which then careened on its side, burying the engineman and fireman.

Passengers in Pullman coaches were hurled from their berths. In the day coaches, filled for the most part with immigrants, there were scenes of disorder as women's screams mingled with the noise of breaking glass and the hissing of the wrecked locomotive.

Mrs. Jacob Soski and her four-year-old son, of 483 Springfield avenue, Newark, N. J., in one of the day coaches, received slight injuries from broken glass. Joseph Stewoski, of 1325 Tecumseh avenue, Toledo, O., was slightly cut.

The 136 passengers on the train were taken to Harrisburg at 9:40 o'clock, and after they had been given breakfast, continued their journey. Twenty-seven of the passengers were in two Pullman cars which did not leave the rails.

PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS AGAIN PUT UP TO STATE

Bill Proposes That $2,225,000 Be Appropriated for Purpose

By a Staff Correspondent

Harrisburg, Pa., March 2.—Two million two hundred fifty thousand dollars in mothers' pensions for the next two years is the amount called for in the appropriation bill introduced in the House today by Representative Vickerman, of Allegheny county, who has sponsored the mothers' assistance funds in the Legislature for many years. If approved by the Legislature the expenditure of $2,250,000 would be an annual one.

The last Legislature appropriated $62,000 for the mothers' fund, but its inadequacy is witnessed by the fact that while there are more than 7500 eligible mothers and 22,000 children in the state, only 2886 families and 7600 children are receiving assistance, leaving a waiting list of 5000 families. This means that although Pennsylvania has assumed by law it responsibility for the care of this class of dependents it really is caring for less than a third of the families under the law.

Homes are being broken up, children separated from their mothers and placed in institutions where it costs more than twice as much to care for them as in their own homes, it is pointed out.

PLAN CUT IN WAGES

N. Y. Central Executives to Discuss Reduction With Labor Spokesmen

New York, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Reductions in wages of more than 20,000 unskilled laborers employed by the New York Central Railroad will be discussed at a conference between railroad executives and representatives of the men in this city next Tuesday, it was announced today.

Road officials expressed hope that an agreement could be reached as to the extent of the decrease, but if this is impossible the case will be referred to the railroad labor board.

The proposed cuts, the announcement said, would affect unskilled workers on the regular New York Central lines, including the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern. Other branches of the system will deal with the problem individually.

SHIPYARD TO CUT WAGES

New York Co., Camden, Announces Reduction of 10 Per Cent

Official notice has been posted in conspicuous places in the New York Shipbuilding Co., Camden, of a 10 per cent reduction in the present rate of wages, which will take effect after Sunday, March 13. Interpediate rates will be established in the different crafts on a later date.

The new hours that have been adopted by the company for its employes will be from 7:45 a. m. until 11:45 a. m., going into effect on the Saturday following the date set for the reduction of wages. Seventeen thousand persons are employed by the shipyard company.

LEAGUE WASHES ITS HANDS OF YAP, REPLYING TO U. S.

Declares It Is Not Concerned in Pacific Mandates Allotted by Supreme Council

WOULD DISCUSS OTHER TERRITORY ALLOTMENTS

By the Associated Press

Paris, March 2.—The League of Nations is not concerned with the allocation of the former German possessions in the Pacific, which includes the Japanese mandate for the group to which the Island of Yap belongs, the American Government is informed in the reply of the council of the league to the American note on the mandate question. The text of the council's reply was made public here today.

The allocation was made by the supreme council of the Allies, the note points out, but the council invites the United States to be represented at the meeting of the council in May or June, when the other classes of mandates are to be taken up for final decision.

The council expresses "satisfaction in the interest shown by the United States Government in the question of mandates which the council has long felt to be among the most important and also the most difficult.

Welcomes U. S. Support

"The council," it adds, "not only welcomes, but feels justified in claiming the sympathy and support of the governments which devised the scheme the council is required to administer."

Regarding the fundamental contention of the American Government that the approval of the United States is essential to the validity of any determinations respecting mandates, the note says the rights which the United States acquired as one of the leading actors in the war and in the peace negotiations are not likely to be challenged in any quarter.

It points out, however, how the situation is complicated by the fact that the United States has not ratified the treaty and has not taken a seat in the council of the league.

The discussions in which the United States is asked to participate concern class "A" and class "B" mandates upon which final decisions are to be made at the meeting in May or June.

Yap island comes under class "C" mandates and the note says the league is only concerned in administration of the territories involved in this class as the allocations were made by the Supreme Council of the Allies.

The council adds that it has forwarded the American note to the French, British, Italian and Japanese Governments.

No Challenge of U. S. Rights

The note begins with acknowledgment of the receipt of Secretary Colby's communication, summarizes the American contentions, and after expressing the satisfaction of the council at the interest in the question indicated by the note, continues:

"The most fundamental contention brought forward by the American note is that the approval of the United States of America is essential to the validity of any determination which may be reached respecting mandates which have been or may be submitted to the judgment of the council.

"The United States was one of the leading actors both in the war and in the negotiations for peace. The rights which it acquired are not likely to be challenged in any quarter.

"But the American Government will itself recognize that the situation is complicated by the fact that the United States, for reason which the council would be the last to question, has so far abstained from ratifying the peace treaty and has not taken her seat on the council of the League of Nations.

Avoids Controversy

"The council might easily have spoken on the controversial aspects of the American note, but this proceeding would ill-represent their true attitude. They prefer to examine the subject from the broad basis of international co-operation and friendship, in the belief that this course will appeal to the spirit of justice of the government and people of the United States."

In referring to the postponement of the consideration by the council of the mandate for the former Turkish possessions, including Mesopotamia, which would result in a delay in that conclusions until the United States had an opportunity to express its views, the note, after inviting the United States to take part in the discussions of those mandates and the African mandates, says:

"A problem so intricate and involved as that of mandates can hardly be handled by an interchange of formal notes. It can only be satisfactorily solved by personal contact and by the direct exchange of opinion. Not only do such direct negotiations, which correspond

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THINKS WINDOW IS DOOR

Bed Afire, Soldier Leaps Out and Lands on Fire Escape

Joseph Sibley, twenty nine years old, a soldier of the First Division, at Camp Dix, is in the Hahnemann Hospital with cuts of the arms and wrist, following a dive through the window of his room in a hotel at Delaware avenue and Arch streets, at 8:30 o'clock last night.

Sibley had been smoking in bed and dozed off to awake and find the bed afire. Instead of jumping for the door he plunged through the window and landed on a fire escape.

ROB 100 DEPOSIT VAULTS

Bandits Rifle Safety Vault of Money and Bonds

Dalton, O., March 2.—(By A. P.)—Robbers early today opened the safety deposit vault of the Dalton Banking Co., using an acetylene torch, rifled 100 safety deposit boxes of money, Liberty and other bonds and escaped. The amount of the loot is unknown.

The robbers knocked the combination off the main vault, but failed to gain an entrance.

She Simply Wouldn't Quit Lim'rickin'

Right from the start of the limpin' lim'rick contest Miss Hinden has been one of our most undismayed failures. Every day when she picked up the paper and saw that none of her lines was even on the ballot, she gritted her teeth and went at it again. Today she's the winner. Everybody at the Baught-Close School, where she is a secretary, has been joking her for twelve weeks. Today the joke's on them. Her winning lim'rick is—

LIMERICK NO. 63

There was a young barber named Shay
Whose life was all work and no play;
"Makes me sick," murmured he,
"You can easily see
Like a Turk I must 'hair-em' all day."

Miss Dora Hinden,
978 N. Seventh street

Jack's Jingle Box Is Still With Us for the Kiddies. It's on the Third Page From the Last

HALF-CLOTHED GIRL DRIVEN FROM HOME

Stepfather, Accused of Abusing Her and Burning Clothes, Put Under Bond

SCORED BY MAGISTRATE

Elmer Chalmer, thirty-five years old, of 545 Sedgely avenue, was arraigned today before Magistrate Price at the Twenty-second street and Hunting Park avenue station, charged with driving his fourteen-year-old stepdaughter into the street in her underclothing and burning her clothes and shoes.

A pair of shoes, purchased Monday for the stepdaughter by her mother, which had been burned to a crisp, with burned fragments of the girl's dress and a partly burned sweater which belonged to the mother, were produced as more testimony at the hearing.

Mrs. Elizabeth Chalmer, the mother, testified that when she returned home from the "movies" last night she found her daughter crying in the street and shivering with only her undergarments.

She testified the daughter said her stepfather had driven her into the street, had burned her new shoes and dress and was demolishing mirrors and mirror frames in the home with a hammer.

Mrs. Chalmer telephoned the Germantown police station and Chalmer was arrested.

The mother testified she had recently been discharged from a hospital. "I work to support our children," she said. "I make $25 a week and am doing everything to keep our home. My husband never works more than two or three days a week, and I have to support him as well as the children.

Chalmer admitted he never worked more than three days a week. "It's the best I can do," he said.

"What made you burn your stepdaughter's clothes—were you drunk?" the magistrate asked him.

"No," he said. "I only had three drinks.

"That makes it all the worse," Magistrate Price said.

The magistrate advised Mrs. Chalmer to go before the Domestic Relations Court and obtain an order on her husband for the support of the children. He held Chalmer in $300 bail to keep the peace.

WILSON TO RECEIVE FRIDAY

Retiring President to See Leaders at His S Street Home

Washington, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Woodrow Wilson will receive Democratic Senate leaders and other official friends at his new home on S street Friday afternoon after his retirement from the Presidency. Mr. Wilson will go direct from the Capitol to his home after the inauguration of President Harding.

The President was represented as wishing to attend the inauguration of Mr. Harding on the east portico of the Capitol, and the congressional inaugural committee was offered to provide a chair for him. Whether Mr. Wilson will attend the ceremony will depend, it is understood, upon his ability to negotiate the steps leading to the portico.

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RUSSIAN REVOLT REPORTS CONFLICT

Soviet Downfall Impends as Battles Rage in Petrograd, Helsingfors Hears

DENIAL BY TRADE ENVOYS

By the Associated Press

London, March 2.—Reports of a widespread revolution against the Soviet in Russia are reiterated and denied today. The contradictory information has caused a cloud of mystery to overhang the situation.

The Central News correspondent at Helsingfors, Finland, declares that messages received from Russia by way of Reval, Esthonia, disclose a situation "which may result shortly in the complete overthrow of the Soviet rule."

At the same time the Russian trade delegation here announced that it was communicating direct with Moscow and that it was authorized to deny the rumors of a revolution. These, it was declared, were absolutely false and were "started for political purposes or at the interest of stock exchanges."

The Wireless Press here received three routine news dispatches this morning from Moscow, none of which made mention of any trouble there.

Report Fighting in Petrograd

The Helsingfors advices say fighting is proceeding in many parts of Russia, with Petrograd and Moscow as the centers of the revolutionary movement.

The fighting in Petrograd is of gigantic proportions, according to the reports, for 300,000 strikers are declared to be arrayed against the Soviet troops, whose exact number it is impossible to estimate.

"It is reliably reported," the Helsingfors dispatch says, "that very many have been killed or wounded on both sides in street fighting and that there has been considerable property damage. The naval garrison at Kronstadt has joined the rebels.

"Reports of the revolution in Moscow are meager, doubtless owing to the censorship. One message indicates that large numbers of former officers of the Russian army are leading the insurgents there.

Tells of Heavy Casualties

"In Petrograd the military cadets, who have been among the most reliable supporters of Soviet rule, suffered heavy casualties. Combined forces of laborers and marines, of whom 700 were former service men, attacked the cadets, drove them through the streets to the schools and quickly overwhelmed them. The surviving cadets only obtained shelter when Soviet reinforcements were rushed up.

"Sanguinary fighting continues in the streets and also in the neighborhood of Petrograd. The garrison, while not participating actively in the fighting, has handed over all its arms and munitions to the rebels. The rebels are holding Vassily Ostrok, an suburb of Petrograd, and important residential quarters of the city.

"In northwest Russia, General Yudenitch, Bolshevik leader of the Petrograd Cossacks, with strong forces of Cossacks, is operating successfully in the Orenburg plains, while General Anatoff, who is leading the insurgents

ALLIES TO SEIZE CUSTOM DUTIES IF BERLIN BALKS

Will Disregard Teuton Counter-Proposals, Apparently Made in Bad Faith

NO HINT THAT OCCUPATION ZONE WILL BE EXTENDED

Legal and Economic Experts Submit Report on Conditions to Premiers

SOME CHANGES SUGGESTED

Will Be Incorporated in Redraft of Document—Germans Await Instructions

By the Associated Press

London, March 2.—German customs receipts in the occupied territory would be taken over as the first step in forcing the payment of Germany's obligations, should that prove necessary, under plans being drawn up by a committee of the Supreme Council today.

Notice to Germany that her reparation proposal would not be discussed and that the Allies were ready to enforce the payment of German obligations was in preparation today by the committee of the Supreme Council appointed to frame a reply.

Instructions given this committee were in substance:

First. The allied governments decline to discuss proposals advanced with evident bad faith.

Second. Germany shall be reminded of her various violations of the peace treaty.

Third. The German Government shall be informed of immediate steps the Allies are determined to take in beginning to enforce the collection of Germany's obligations.

Germans Await Instructions

The Germans today were merely marking time. The results of yesterday's conferences had been communicated to Berlin, but up to this afternoon they had received no new instructions.

The allied representatives met at St. James Palace at noon to receive the report of military and juridical experts who had spent the morning drawing up plans for action. Andrew Bonar Law, government leader in the British House of Commons and one of the government's foremost financial experts, attended the conference for the first time.

After deliberating for an hour on the report of experts, the heads of the allied delegations returned for council with certain suggestion which will be incorporated in a redraft of the document. It was announced the experts would reassemble at 3 o'clock, and that the allied leaders would again go into session at 5 p. m.

No indication that the Allies intend to occupy additional German territory at present appears in the instructions given to the committee, which is framing a reply to the German reparation proposals made yesterday.

No support for the further use of soldiers has developed in England and if any military movement is undertaken it will be a French and Belgian measure, in which Great Britain will cooperate only from loyalty to the Allies. The English government feels that there may be a secondary interest in the indemnity question, because they have gradually become reconciled to the belief that they will get little out of Germany in the long run.

European Disaster Is Feared

Foreign Minister Sforza of Italy was both insisting that the matter be given careful consideration before action, the action was decided upon, having it stated on the ground that a deadlock might mean economic disaster for all Europe.

In the meantime, it was expressed in several quarters, that the Germans have not spoken for the last word relative to the reparation proposals by the Supreme Council at Paris.

"This morning," an economist representative of the movement of $7,500,000,000 in reparations was a small, single sum.

"Important conferences are going on in the Reichstag, the financial experts are in consultation on the German finance. Even the moderate Dr. Simons confessed it was at a loss to understand the German mentality.

Whole World Astonished

"The whole world astonished," said one, "when the Reichstag passed the London ultimatum. Dr. Simons says he is confident of being able to get settlement and a solid European peace.

"It is not easy for such a country of the importance of Germany to change its mind, and Dr. Simons may be as right as the London Times. Meanwhile, Germany is still in a state of mind where any concessions can easily be lost. It is difficult to predict what will happen."

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Germans See Attitude of Allies in Bible

Berlin, March 2.—(By A. P.)—[illegible]

HEAVY FIGHTING IN TRIESTS DUE TO STRIKE

TRIESTE, March 2.—Heavy fighting has taken place between workers and the military at San Marco, in which one person was killed and a number were wounded. Damage estimated at twenty-five million lire was done to a shipyard. Subsequently the military occupied the entire quarter occupied by the workmen and restored calm. The general strike continues, and the city is in almost complete darkness.

HAVANA NEWSPAPER CHANGES OWNERSHIP

HAVANA, March 2.—La Presna, an afternoon daily newspaper, published in Havana, has been purchased by the Compania Mundial, the corporation owning the morning newspaper El Mundo. In its political views, La Presna will continue independent and no changes will be made at present except material betterment of the plant, according to today's announcement.

TO BE WILSON'S PHYSICIAN

Admiral Grayson to Continue to Treat Wilson—Arrangements Made

Washington, March 2.—(By A. P.)—Arrangements were understood today to have been made whereby Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson will continue as physician to President Wilson.

Dr. Grayson's intimate and expert knowledge of Mr. Wilson's ailment, it was said, made it advisable to continue his services, and his work as head of the naval dispensary here, to which he was recently assigned, will not interfere with such an arrangement.

When you think of writing, think of WHITING.—Adv.

OFFER TO WOOD INFORMAL

General Says Provostship Negotiations Are Not Official

Negotiations with him regarding the office of provost of the University of Pennsylvania have not reached a formal or official stage, Major General Leonard Wood said today at Marion, O.

President-elect Harding was quoted yesterday as stating his belief that General Wood had been offered the post at a salary of $25,000 a year.

General Wood said the provostship was one of several posts offered him in case he should leave the army and refuse appointment as governor general of the Philippines.