# ALLIES REASSURE SILESIAN PEOPLE

## Commission Instructed to Deny Rumors That Region Is Already Divided

## REFUSE AID FROM BERLIN

By the Associated Press

**Paris**, May 9.—The allied council of ambassadors, with American Ambassador Wallace present, decided today, in an effort to quiet the unrest in Upper Silesia, to ask the interallied commission in the district to inform the population of the exact state of affairs, explaining that no decision had been taken as to division of the territory.

The council also decided to ask Poland to control the Poles in connection with the existing conditions.

France today replied to the note Germany last week addressed to the Allies, in which attention was called to the Polish insurgent movement in Upper Silesia. The reply assures Germany that the allied forces in the district have no need of outside help.

It points out that the troubles were due, at least in part, to false rumors that the mining district had been awarded to Germany, and it states that the Allies are doing their full duty under the circumstances and already are re-establishing order.

A Berlin dispatch to the Matin says that the French ambassador in that city has informed the German Foreign Office that all incursions of German Government troops into Upper Silesia would be considered by France as a violation of the Versailles treaty.

Advices from Bethuen state an offensive against Poles, who have virtually taken over most of Upper Silesia, is being planned by German civilian guards, which are being concentrated along the Oder river.

**Warsaw**, May 9.—(By A. P.)—In the face of increasing clashes between the insurgents and Germans, the Polish Government has decided upon a vigorous plan of action in an attempt to settle the insurrection initiated by Adalbert Korfanty, the former plebiscite commissioner in Upper Silesia, with the object of joining the industrial section of Upper Silesia to Poland.

The Polish cabinet has issued a statement to the effect that, while the ministry thoroughly understood the patriotic motive which led to the spontaneous outbreak throughout the mining districts, the government again disapproved of the insurrection and considered the movement a vain attempt to attain the desired end under present circumstances.

## *Tolls Bill Seen as Borah's Reply*

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ments which will protect our interests, settle the leftover problems of the war and permit the erection of an association of nations.

Except for this move of Senator Borah, the Senate has been left dazed by the administration's foreign policy and the handling of it. Only Senator Reed, who is a lone wolf, lifts his voice publicly in protest. The Senate has been deprived of power to act. The Knox resolution has been cleverly got out of its hands and into those of the House which is amenable to the least suggestion from the President. International conferences are going on with American representatives abroad, over whom the Senate has not the slightest control.

It will not be the Senate's day until Mr. Harding asks for a treaty. By that time Mr. Hughes hopes to work out such a solution of the world difficulties that the whole country will insist upon the ratification of the treaty and the Senate will have to yield to public opinion.

## *KNOX HAS 'SUSPICIONS' ON FREE TOLLS REPEAL*

**Washington**, May 9.—(By A. P.)—"The movement for the repeal in 1914 of the Panama canal free tolls act "was hatched in the United States," Senator Knox declared today before the Senate inter-oceanic canals committee, which began consideration of bills to exempt American vessels from further payment of tolls. The repeal was urged on Congress by President Wilson, who said it would aid in handling certain delicate problems.

Committee members pressed Senator Knox for an elaboration of his statement, but after pointing out that Sir Edward Grey, then British foreign minister, had denied in the House of Commons that the British foreign office had anything to do with the matter, the senator said he had his "suspicions," but preferred not to discuss the matter further.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, suggested that the transcontinental railroads were greatly interested in repealing the free tolls act and Senator Poindexter said it was well known that the Canadian Pacific Railroad was greatly interested in the repeal legislation.

The committee heard Senators Jones and Poindexter, of Washington, both of whom, with Senator Borah, the committee chairman, have bills to exempt American vessels from tolls payments. Senator Borah's bill would apply only to American coastwise tonnage, and some committee members thought it would be "more tactful" to exempt at first only coastwise shipping.

Brief hearings were decided on by the committee, the date to be announced within the next ten days. Much of today's discussion related to interpretation of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty between the United States and Great Britain as to the right of the United States to exempt its shipping. Senators Poindexter and Jones said the United States, under that treaty, had a right to exempt vessels under its flag, and should do so in order to promote the American merchant marine.

## *Deaths of a Day*

### JOHN B. DEAVER, JR.

**Son of Surgeon and U. of P. Athlete Ill Several Months**

John B. Deaver, Jr., son of Dr. Deaver, the surgeon, and a University of Pennsylvania athlete, died at Hot Springs, Ark., late Saturday. He had been sick for several months.

Dr. and Mrs. Deaver, who received word a few days ago of their son's serious condition, were at his bedside when the end came.

Mr. Deaver was stricken with kidney trouble last January. Believing that a change of climate might benefit him he went South about three weeks ago. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. George Thomson, and a doctor.

There was a marked improvement in his condition in a few days. Mrs. Thomson returned here several days ago and was hopeful of her brother's recovery. Last Monday, however, he suffered a relapse.

Mr. Deaver was a member of Penn's boat crew and also played on the football team. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

### JOHN LLOYD, SR.

**Banker Well Known in Philadelphia Dies at Altoona**

**Altoona, Pa.**, May 9.—John Lloyd, Sr., seventy years old, organizer and president of the First National Bank of this city, the Altoona Clearing House and the Altoona Coal and Coke Co., died at his home yesterday after a long illness.

Mr. Lloyd was graduated from Lafayette College in the class of 1863. He was a member of the Union League and Manufacturers' Club, of Philadelphia, and was a member of the Phi Kappa Fraternity. For some years he was a member of the firm of Cassett & Co., Philadelphia.

**Mrs. Estelle D. Silliman**

Mrs. Estelle Day Silliman died in Pasadena, Calif., yesterday at her home in St. Francis Court. She had been ill for the last year and a few months ago underwent an operation from which she never recovered. She was seventy-one years old. Mrs. Silliman formerly resided at the Covington Apartments. She went to California last January to visit her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Silliman was the daughter of the late Colonel Alfred and Elizabeth Day. Colonel Day was a coal dealer in this city.

**William Watt Wilson**

William Watt Wilson, a wholesale dealer in canned goods and widely known in the local grocery trade, died Saturday at the Presbyterian Hospital, Pittsburgh, from pneumonia. Mr. Wilson was sixty-eight years old. He was born in Pittsburgh and was connected with his father in the wholesale grocery business there until 1896.

He is survived by his widow and two daughters. His funeral will be held at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with services in the Second Presbyterian Church, Germantown.

**Mrs. Mary G. Wagner**

Mary Gertrude Wagner, wife of Samuel C. Wagner, Jr., widely known real estate operator, in the Main Line section, with offices in the Commercial Trust Building, this city, died yesterday. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning, with the celebration of low mass at St. Colman's Catholic Church, Ardmore. Burial will be private.

## EDMUNDS' FUNERAL TODAY

**Services for Education Board Member Held This Afternoon**

Funeral services for Charles H. Edmunds, lawyer and member of the Board of Education, who died on Thursday, were held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon at his home, 1015 Baltimore avenue. Members of the board attended in a body, as did many of his former colleagues and friends, members of the bar and members of his Masonic lodge.

Sermons were preached by the Rev. Rufus C. Zartman and James I. Good, former pastors of Heidelberg Reformed Church, of which Mr. Edmunds was a member and active worker. Miss Bessie Leonard, contralto soloist at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, sang "Lead Kindly Light" and "Abide With Me," favorite hymns of Mr. Edmunds. Services at the grave in Westminster Cemetery were conducted by St. Paul's Lodge, No. 481, F. and A. M.

The pallbearers were M. Perry Edmunds, brother of the dead man; Frank B. Edmunds, Dorchey W. Stites, Joseph W. Shellinger, J. K. B. Hansell and Ellsworth Posey.

## *Philadelphia Schools to Get $3,750,000*

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must ultimately meet the new requirements.'"

**Must Meet New Requirements**

"If a teacher is not qualified, how do you propose to fit her to meet the requirements of the future?" I asked.

"They must take courses of instruction that will enable them to meet the requirements of the new system," was the reply.

"Our normal schools, thirteen of them, will be open every summer. There are also from twelve to fifteen colleges and university summer schools. Any one not qualified can attend one of these schools and get ready to stand the test. They must keep at it until they do get the equivalent.

"With our normal schools turning out graduates we will have new recruits every year. They are training elementary teachers. The first eight years of teaching are known as the elementary course. The four following years the high school course.

**Praise for Legislature**

"The Legislature that has just adjourned," continued Dr. Finegan, "is the first in our history to put the normal schools squarely on their feet. They are now owned and operated by the state, where formerly they were private corporations.

"No tuition will be hereafter charged any young person who desires to study for the profession of teaching. Room and board will be charged for at actual cost. In this respect Pennsylvania is just catching up with other states.

"The second great idea in the reorganized school system," said the doctor, "is the matter of adequate compensation to teachers. The increased salaries under recent law are in the interest of the public. Adequate salaries will hold those in the profession and will induce others to enter it. A high grade of talent will be available.

"Hereafter the boy in a remote country district will get what he is entitled to—the same opportunity for an education by competent teachers as the boy in the city.

"The system of state aid by which the Commonwealth will bear a larger proportion of the expense and reduce the local school tax proportionately in poorer communities will have this result."

"But will it not be an inducement for rural communities to reduce their taxation to a point where the state will ultimately bear the entire expense?" I asked Dr. Finegan.

**State to Go "Fifty-Fifty"**

"No. It is a case of the state going fifty-fifty with the rural districts. Districts must employ, when the system is in full operation, teachers with certain qualifications. In no case, however, does the state bear more than one-half the expense.

"By fixing a longer term children in the country districts are given greater opportunities for education. Heretofore the term has been seven months. Next year it will be seven and a half, and after that it will be eight months.

"I regard the new State Council of Education as vastly important to the system," Dr. Finegan went on. "The State Board of Education and the College and University Council are abolished. Hereafter there will be one body of nine members exercising supervision and direction of the schools from kindergarten to college, the State Council of Education.

"The plan is to place nine of the biggest men in Pennsylvania on this council.

"The department of education is a great business enterprise. It is intimately connected with every home. The finest business judgment should be brought to bear upon it. We want men of vision. We want their slant or judgment upon our progress and work.

**Competent Supervisors Necessary**

"Competent supervisors of our public schools are a necessity. The business of educating our children does not begin to receive the same general supervision that an ordinary business does. Supervision of the work of unskilled labor in our mines is superior to that of our teachers. That is why the record has been so poor.

"It is not contemplated to displace county superintendents. After this, though, anybody seeking such a position must have a college or normal school training, and six years of teaching and administrative experience. There are more than 200 of these superintendents and their assistants in the State. To attract those fitted for the job these salaries have been increased to $2500 and $4000. Assistant superintendents who now receive $1800 will after the beginning of the year get $2500."

Two new and vital things that will raise the educational standard of Pennsylvania have been introduced under Dr. Finegan. Instruction in every elementary school, public or private, must be in English or from English text; and compulsory attendance is required in every rural school in the State. Attendance officers will be held responsible accordingly.

"How do you expect to overcome the loss in the teaching force by marriage?" was the next question.

"My experience is that the higher the qualification demanded from a teacher the longer she remains in the service. The harder she has to study to get her position the longer she will retain it.

"There is an additional inducement. In first and second class cities there is an annual increase of $100 a year for eight years for those who remain in the profession. In third class cities the same holds good for four years.

"We are looking ahead with a broad vision in this six-year race," said the doctor. "The lengthening of the school term will eventually lift Pennsylvania's standard to top place.

"The people must not deceive themselves. It will require the hardest kind of work to build our educational system along higher practical lines. We must have behind us an awakened public spirit. The people must encourage and help. The work cannot be done in Harrisburg. The citizens must take a greater interest in our schools. Communities must be aroused.

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