IRISH UNEASY OVER PEACE SITUATION

Fear Truce With Britain May Be Broken by Extremists on Either Side

REPUBLICAN CHIEFS CONFER

By the Associated Press

London, Aug. 20.—Dispatches from Dublin to London newspapers reflect pessimism over the Irish situation in view of latest developments.

Henry W. Nevinson, war correspondent and author, telegraphing the Daily Herald, says the situation is "undoubtedly very serious," and that he is "unable to see hope as brightly as some do." He admits, however, some hope still exists.

"If the Irish Republican leaders," his dispatch continues, "frame the reply to Great Britain's terms and submit it to the Dail Eireann for approval, rather than discussion, it almost certainly will be accepted with minor alterations.

"The members of the Dail Eireann are, for the most part, accustomed to discipline and were elected or appointed for field service. The danger to further negotiations and a subsequent peace comes from the influence of theorists and doctrinaires acting upon the spirit of militarism."

In discussing the prospect if negotiations fail, Nevinson declared:

"If the truce be broken, war in its most terrible form will sweep through Ireland. Civil war will be added to national war, and all who refuse to support the Republican Army will be driven from the country or shot."

The Dublin correspondent of the Daily News says Prime Minister Lloyd George is being charged with "rattling the saber" in his address yesterday in the House of Commons. He says the speech may do infinite harm.

"It is a fact," he adds, "that a section of the Irish Republican leaders has been playing the dangerous game of bluff in order to secure better terms. It was desirable that Great Britain make the plainest possible declaration that the terms submitted were the very best possible.

"Unhappily, however, Prime Minister Lloyd George coupled his declaration with threats which will more than counteract the influence for good. There is a general opinion that the consequences are likely to be fatal."

Dublin, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Leaders of the Irish Republican Party will confer with Eamon de Valera today at Black Rock, where he is spending the week-end at the home of Prof. John McNeill, Speaker of the Dail Eireann.

There has been a growing tension here during the last couple of days. Dublin Castle authorities have given expression of their fear that fighting might possibly be precipitated by extremists on either side.

Reading, Pa., Aug. 20.—Because of important messages received from Ireland at the American Sinn Fein headquarters in New York, Colonel M. J. Sullivan, the speaker for a meeting which was to have been held there last evening in the interest of the cause, was called home before he was able to deliver his address. Colonel Sullivan is acting as secretary at headquarters.

"Things are in such shape now," he said, "that almost anything is likely to happen."

Belfast, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Interviews printed here attributed to Alderman MacDonagh, of Dublin, of the Dail Eireann Labor Department, declare the economic pressure against Ulster, designed to bring Northern Ireland peacably to what the Sinn Fein would regard as a more reasonable attitude, will result in the complete shutting off shortly of the movement of goods from Belfast for Southern Ireland.

Alderman MacDonagh is quoted as saying:

"This will give Belfast a kind of partition it does not want. One of its more rabid politicians has stated in a speech that Belfast was the Gibraltar of England in Ireland. So long as this attitude is indulged in it will be the duty of all decent Irish people to make Belfast as barren as the rock of Gibraltar."

MYSTERY IN MURDER CASE

Mother of Child Released From Jail, Grandmother Held

Adrian, Mich., Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Alice Kirby, twenty years old, who has been held here since Thursday in connection with the disappearance of her new-born child, and which has resulted in a murder charge against her mother, Mrs. Matie Kirby, was released from custody today, no formal charge having been made against her.

Mrs. Matie Kirby, fifty-five years old, prominent State temperance worker, is in jail and refuses to discuss the disappearance of the child. She will have a hearing on the murder charge next Tuesday.

Prosecutor Leland F. Bean, in ordering Miss Kirby's release, declared his action was not to be interpreted as meaning he was "freeing her of any complicity in the case." He added that she would be called as a witness when her mother's examination is held Tuesday.

"There is a new angle in the case," the prosecutor said, "but I cannot discuss it now."

BOY DROWNS IN SCHUYLKILL

Two Girls Reported Drowning, but No Attention Was Paid

When two little girls told relatives of six-year-old Walter Kraez, 193 Baldwin street, that the boy had been pushed into the Schuylkill River and drowned, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, no attention was paid to their story.

At 8 o'clock, when Walter failed to return home, his father, Joseph Kraez, went to the Manayunk police station to report him missing. He arrived at the police station a few minutes after his son's body was taken there.

The body was recovered by Detective Green in the Schuylkill just above the Green Lane power plant. Walter left his home at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to go to a nearby playground.

SHOT BY WAR RELIC

Youth Hurt During Card Game Clears Assailant

The pistol with which Joseph Miller, of Umbria street near Wyoming avenue, shot William Stanley, fourteen, of 4721 Fowler street, yesterday afternoon was a war relic, brought from Belgium by a returning American soldier.

The shooting took place on a houseboat at Canal and Fountain streets during a card game, according to testimony at a hearing given by Miller today before Magistrate Price. Stanley, who was shot in the right cheek, was able to attend the hearing. Both he and Miller testified the shooting was accidental.

Miller was held in $500 bail for a further hearing.

BANDITS ROB MOTORISTS

Jewelry Worth $20,000 and Automobile Taken by Highwaymen

Detroit, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Jewelry valued at $20,000 was obtained by two bandits who early today held up M. Glaser, of New York, and two women companions on the Lake Shore road as they were returning to Detroit by automobile from Mount Clemens. A tree across the road forced the motorists to stop.

The bandits then escaped in Glaser's car, which later was found in a side road near Mt. Clemens. In it was found a diamond ring which one of the women had concealed under the seat when the bandits approached.

WARNING POSTAL THWARTS ROBBERY

Anonymous Card Enables Police to Protect Messenger With $10,000 Payroll

TWO SUSPECTS CAPTURED

Police are searching for the two men who took part in a plan to rob the payroll messenger of the Cameron Woolen Mills, carrying $10,000, frustrated yesterday by detectives. One of the men was the "lookout"; the other, the shadower for a decoy messenger sent to the company's office, at Venango and Jasper streets.

Two men were caught and held in $3000 bail each for a further hearing next Tuesday. When taken before Magistrate Carson at City Hall they gave their names as Thomas E. Shields, of Jasper and Huntingdon streets, and William L. Stewart, who, the police say, conducts a garage on Agate street. Two men who acted as lookouts escaped. Messengers who have been "stuck up" recently were sent for by Captain Souder to try to identify the men arrested.

According to Alfred I. Souder, captain of detectives, an anonymous postal card, stating that the paymaster of the Cameron Woolen Mills would be "stuck up" on August 19, was received by the police recently.

True to the information received, an automobile bearing three men drove up in front of the Cameron Mills about 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

While all these maneuvers were going on four detectives were posted at different windows and doorways with drawn revolvers. The arrests followed.

CUT RESERVE OFFICERS

Reduction by Half Ordered as Retrenchment Measure

Washington, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Reduction of the officer personnel of the naval reserve force by approximately one-half has been ordered by the Navy Department as a retrenchment measure on recommendation of the General Board. Reserve commissions in several of the staff corps have been abolished and all warrant officers in the reserve done away with.

There are now 26,500 reserve officers, including all classes. The new orders provide for reduction to the following totals: Line officers, 4500; medical officers, 360; supply officers, 200, and aviators, 2000. Decision as to the reduction of officers in Class 3, the merchant marine, has not been reached, but Navy Department officials said that it would be materially reduced.

Class 4 of the reserve, known as the Naval Coast Defense Reserve, composed of officers who obtained commissions for shore duty during the war, is to be entirely abolished.

7,500,000 SIGN DRY PLEA

Petition Mile and Half Long Exhibited to W. C. T. U.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—A dry petition a mile and a half long bearing 7,500,000 names from fifty different nations, was exhibited today at the Women's Christian Temperance Union Convention. It urges "raising the standard of the law to that of Christian morals, to strip away the safeguards and sanctions of the State from the drink trade and the opium traffic."

A message was sent to the United States Senate, urging passage of the Willis-Campbell bill "with adequate search warrant provisions before Congress recesses."

The Rev. William R. McCormick, Methodist pastor of Springfield, Mo., has the distinction of being the only man delegate to the convention. He is an honorary member of the organization and was sent by his church.

ZION DAMAGED BY STORM

Tabernacle Unroofed, but 'Independents'' Tobacco Sign Still Stands

Zion, Ill., Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—A storm which swept Northeastern Illinois last night partially unroofed Shiloh Tabernacle, the Church of Wilbur Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion; damaged the Zion department store, owned by Voliva's Christian Catholic Apostolic Church, and tore down eight of the huge signboards which the overseer recently erected attacking rival religious organizations.

One of the signs demolished was located on the main street directly across the street from a twenty-foot signboard, advertising a smoking tobacco, which the "Independents" had appropriated from a railroad right of way and erected in tobacceless Zion. By some freak of the storm the tobacco sign was undamaged.

WILL RETURN STOLEN CASH

Clerk Who Took $100,000 Says None of Money Has Been Spent

New York, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Arthur E. Ollson, $45-a-week clerk, who stole $100,000 from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company by forging checks, promised in court today to return the money, none of which, he said, had been spent. He will not play a tip on the stock market, which he said was the purpose of the theft.

After pleading guilty he gave information to the company as to a safe-deposit box and said his wife was on the way with the key from Stamford, N. Y., where he had been arrested while on a vacation. The case was continued.

RECALLS ABSENT SENATORS

Full Working Quorum Necessary, Republican Whip Explains

Washington, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—All absent Republican Senators were summoned back to Washington today by Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the Republican whip. He explained that no change in the pre-recess legislative program tentatively agreed upon was contemplated, but that it was necessary "that we have a full working quorum."

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, announced early in the week that there would be no recess until the farm relief legislation now before the House had been enacted.

SLAIN MAN'S PAST TO BE LAID BARE

Many Loves of J. Belton Kennedy Suggest Motive of Murder

WOMEN TO AID DEFENSE

Los Angeles, Aug. 20.—The life of J. Belton Kennedy is to be laid bare. Women who pleased his fancy will be brought forward to describe his character. They will be expected to aid the defense in the trial of Madalynne Obenchain and Arthur C. Burch, jointly indicted for his murder.

Ralph Obenchain is the man who is delving into the secret loves of the dead man. He is trying to save his former wife, pretty Madalynne. He believes he will be able to find the real slayer of Kennedy.

Obenchain said:

"If Kennedy had the sort of past we are told he had it must be brought out."

Had Many Loves

And so the investigators went to work. According to the popular report, they are the same investigators who solved the notorious "bluebeard murder" mystery in these parts. It may be stated with a certain degree of surety that Attorney Obenchain himself peeled off the first layer that might show the "system" of the man who robbed him—temporarily, at least—of his life's happiness.

These investigators are bringing in the sheaves of their peculiar activities. It was, according to their own reports, a simple task. The women J. Belton Kennedy knew in his lifetime were easy to find.

There is the case of a young woman, a friend of Madalynne's, to whom Kennedy is said to have made love even during the time he was protesting his undying adoration of the Northwestern University co-ed.

Gay Parties At Bungalow

The statement of one woman is looked upon as of the most vital importance, because it shows that the bungalow at Beverly Glen—supposed to have been deserted—was always ready for the "entertainment" of what random guests Kennedy might bring to its portals.

Investigators for the defense were especially interested in the police report made by Kennedy himself a week or two before his death. He was driving—with the usual young woman—when his car was halted by men who drove in front of his machine. To all intents it was a hold-up. But the "highwaymen" took none of the money carried by Kennedy. They just "beat him up."

Two weeks before the shooting, according to another young woman, a shotgun roared behind one of the million palms that fringe the Los Angeles roadway. Kennedy jerked out the automatic pistol he always carried and the second shot missed.

Tells of Repairing Gunstock

Authorities were informed today of a gunsmith, R. C. King, who says that a week before the killing of the broker he repaired an old-fashioned double-barreled shotgun stock for a young and apparently "well-to-do" customer.

It is an old-fashioned shotgun stock, minus two barrels, which the District Attorney's office has been holding for several days. It was found August 6 on the beach at Santa Monica.

King said that only the stock of the gun, wrapped in a newspaper was brought to his place. The young man who brought it, he said, gave the name of "Barker" without initials. He said he could not positively identify Arthur C. Burch from photographs as the man who asked that it be repaired. It is expected King will be given an opportunity to visit Burch in the county jail today.

This is the third day since Ralph R. Obenchain, attorney for his former wife, was quoted as saying in five days the innocence of Mrs. Obenchain, as well as that of Burch would be definitely established by the jailing of another person or persons.

LOST BOY'S BODY IN LAKE

Discovery Solves Mystery of Thomas Lebarth's Disappearance

While wading in Gustine Lake at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon John Kulp, 8142 Ridge avenue, found the body of Thomas Lebarth, the five-year-old boy who has been missing from his home at 2833 North Watts street since Thursday afternoon.

According to the story told by the Lebarth boy's sister, he left home late Thursday afternoon to meet some friends near the Falls of Schuylkill. She thinks that they all went to Gustine Lake, where they either played too near the edge or went in swimming and got beyond their depth in the lower end of the lake.

It was believed last night that the companions of the Lebarth boy deserted him when they found he was in trouble, leaving him get out of the lake as best he could. Park Guard Walsh took the body out of the water when Kulp found it and started investigations last night which he hopes will lead to the identification of Lebarth's companions.

ARREST HOLD-UP SUSPECTS

Four Men Believed Implicated in Train Robbery in Custody

Altoona, Pa., Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Edward and Marion Yon, cousins, of Juanita, and George Lafferty and Gilbert McCloskey, of Altoona, have been arrested on the charge of holding up the Manhattan Limited between Gallitzin and Cassandra three weeks ago today.

McCloskey was arrested in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yards at Canton, O., August 2, after bandits held up and robbed several trainmen, locking them in a freight car. A pistol fight followed. Later McCloskey was captured. The other men were arrested here Thursday night, but the police kept it a secret until today.

DISAPPEARS FROM SHIP

New York Merchant Missing When Vessel Reaches Cherbourg

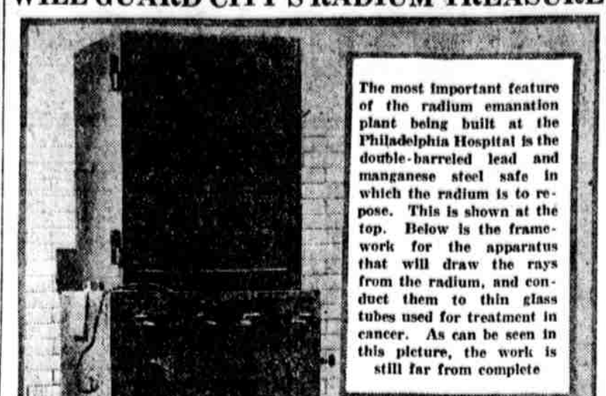
Cherbourg, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Julius Smolin, sixty-two, a New York merchant, who was a cabin passenger on the steamship Olympic which sailed from New York August 14, was reported to the authorities on the arrival of the vessel here today as having disappeared Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Smolin's son, who accompanied him on the voyage, said his father suffered frequent attacks of neurasthenia. None of the passengers or crew saw the man go overboard.

Beef Near Pre-War Prices

Washington, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Wholesale prices of dressed beef in Eastern markets this week were down to within two cents of pre-war prices of 1913, the price decline during the year having been nearly 45 per cent. Average wholesale prices approximated 14 cents a pound during the week against 20 cents in the same week of last year and 15½ cents in 1916.

WILL GUARD CITY'S RADIUM TREASURE



The most important feature of the radium emanation plant being built at the Philadelphia Hospital is the double-barreled lead and manganese steel safe in which the radium is to repose. This is shown at the top. Below is the framework for the apparatus that will draw the rays from the radium, and conduct them to thin glass tubes used for treatment in cancer. As can be seen in this picture, the work is still far from complete

MEADE SOLDIERS GET HALF DAY OFF

Men Have Been Kept on Jump During Week in Camp

BASEBALL GAME TODAY

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Civilians' Military Training Camp, Camp Meade, Md., Aug. 20.—Today has been a happy one around the civilians' camp here. The reason for this is that it is a half holiday, and after one of the most strenuous weeks which the men have yet put in, they are more than pleased with a day and a half of loafing in front of them, when they get their second wind for the final week.

"It's something like this," soliloquized Thomas J. Guinans, 5812 Redman street, this morning as he piled into his clothes and shook himself awake. "first we see the regulars do something, and then we see them do something else, and then we do what they have been doing, and then go through a couple of ceremonials and shoot a couple of thousand rounds of ammunition, and hear a couple of speeches, and then back to the mill again."

"Talk about keeping on the jump, that's us. We don't have time to see what goes on any place else. Take it from me, I'm going to do some tall loafing today and tomorrow. Wish I was a traffic cop. Nothing to do but rattle a go-go sign."

These are the sentiments of the camp as a whole. The men have been through an unusually trying week, with many different things to occupy their attention, but they have come through successfully, and are happy.

Today is a quiet one around the camp. Routine matters are occupying the attention of the men, who are rather relieved that there are no special ceremonies to attend. In the afternoon there will be a baseball game to occupy the attention of those who do not go out on passes.

Next week is the final period that the men will be in the camp here on active duty. Demobilization is not until August 30, and the men will go home the day following. The track and field meet will occupy their attention on Monday preceding demobilization, so that next week will witness the final round of drill field and rifle range.

Philadelphia's company is continuing its work on the rifle range, and the whole outfit is in good spirits despite the heavy work of the last week. They are getting a good hard tan and looking much better than when they came here, and all of them say they are feeling better.

300,000 IDLE IN STATE

Some Improvement Noted in Railroad Shops and Building Industry

Harrisburg, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—More than 300,000 men and women, many of them skilled workers, are estimated to be unemployed by the various branches of the State Bureau of Employment, with small chances for many of them obtaining immediate work. Some improvement is noted in reports from branches in railroad shops and building construction, while public improvements of various kinds, especially highway construction, have furnished considerable work.

The people unemployed as noted by the branch offices are as follows: Altoona, 21,533; Erie, 15,000; Harrisburg, 14,335; Johnstown, 20,190; McKeesport, 5000; New Kensington, 7450; Philadelphia, men, 129,000; women, 11,450; Pittsburgh, 55,550; Scranton, 15,620; Williamsport, 5575.

BRYAN URGED AS DELEGATE

Reform Bureau Requests Harding Name Nebraskan to Arms Parley

Ocean Grove, N. J., Aug. 20.—A resolution requesting President Harding to appoint William Jennings Bryan a delegate to the coming International Disarmament Conference in Washington was unanimously passed yesterday at a conference of church workers and members of the International Reform Bureau.

The conference also considered plans for preventing boxing contests on holidays in New Jersey and for the institution of legal proceedings against Tex Rickard and others responsible for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight, on the ground of "conspiracy."

$435 IN ICE CREAM FUND

Health Director Gets Contributions for Hospital Patients

Director Furbush, of the Department of Health, acknowledges the receipt of additional contributions amounting to $16 to the fund to purchase ice cream for the patients in the Philadelphia General Hospital. The subscriptions follow:

Miss Kate McDonough	$1
Mrs. Lydia R. Semple	5
Mrs. W. K. Smith	5
S. M. Kaemmerling	5
Previously acknowledged	419
Total	$435

$60,000 IN LIQUOR AND ESCORT TAKEN

Police Believe Six Prisoners Were Moving Rum With Forged Permit

SHIP'S CARGO SUSPECTED

While three separate investigations are going forward to discover the real leaders of the suspected gang of rum thieves, city police have confiscated a truck containing $60,000 worth of liquor, alleged to be moving under a forged permit, and Federal officials are watching a vessel newly arrived in port, ostensibly loaded with salt, on the theory that there is liquor concealed in the bulk cargo.

City police, officials of Radnor Township and Federal officers are all eager to get hold of Frank McShea, of 840 North Nineteenth street, who is alleged to be the owner of the two automobiles used by the men caught as they were taking away $15,000 worth of liquor stolen from the cellar of F. D. Dimmick, of Strafford. They all believe he will be able to give information which will definitely show who is behind the wholesale liquor thefts of the last year.

There is little doubt in the minds of any of the officials that they have struck a blow at the heart of a big liquor ring in the arrest of the four men accused in the Dimmick robbery.

All Have Records

It is believed that when the whole story is out prominent clubmen and well-known society folk will be implicated—as customers at least. All four of the prisoners are known to have police records, mostly for similar offenses.

Officers of the Government approached Chief Sweeney, of the Radnor Township police, armed with an order asking for the cars which the men are alleged to have used in illegally transporting liquor. Sweeney refused to turn the cars over, saying that they were needed for evidence.

Two motors vans loaded with more than five hundred cases of whisky valued at $60,000, in transit from Baltimore to New York, were seized at Fifth and Tioga streets, this city, late yesterday, when one of the trucks broke down and the wet goods was being transferred to a motortruck hired here.

A friend of Assistant Superintendent of Police Kenny noticed the trucks when he passed the North Penn Junction on a train coming from New York. From the character of the cases being transferred from one truck to another he judged them to be liquor.

When he reached Broad Street Station he went to City Hall and told Kenny, who notified the station in whose district the truck had broken down.

Six Men Arrested

Lieutenant Walker, Detective McClay and several reserves from the Thirtieth District rushed to the scene in a motor patrol and arrested six men, who were unloading the cases of whisky from the broken truck to the hired machine.

The prisoners gave their names as Julius Gemignant, North Bergen, N. J.; Armanda Gemignant, West Hoboken, N. J.; Louis Stephano, of New York; Robert Bell, West Hoboken; John Canova, West Hoboken, and Nicholas Rosemiller, North Bodine street, Philadelphia, the latter driver of the hired truck.

The prisoners said they were hauling the whisky from Baltimore to a wholesale drug company in New York. They produced transportation permits which the Federal prohibition authorities say are forgeries.

The confiscated liquor was hauled to the Front and Westmoreland streets police station, where it was turned over to the Federal prohibition authorities.

Stephano and Canova were each held in $2500 bail for court by United States Commissioner Manley. The others, with the exception of Rosemiller, who was discharged, were held in $300 bail each. Special Agent Nicholas testified that the permits the men had were forgeries.

HOLD SUSPECT WITH PLANS

New York Youth Has Drawings of Chester Municipal Building

Chester, Pa., Aug. 20.—Wesil Kissalocali, twenty years old, was arrested yesterday while loitering in a garage at the rear of police headquarters and acting suspiciously. He gave 100 West Thirty-eighth street, New York City, as his address. When searched the suspect was found to have in his possession diagram drawings of the heating plant in the basement of the Chester municipal building and a drawing of the garage and city buildings. He was committed to jail by Police Magistrate Elliott until his case is investigated.

Mrs. Mary Horan to Head Hibernians

Wilkes-Barre, Aug. 20.—Mrs. Mary Horan, of Pittsburgh, was elected president of the ladies' auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians yesterday. Mrs. Rose Kelly, of Johnstown, was named vice president, and Miss Anna O'Donnell, of Wilkes-Barre, secretary. The Rev. John J. Wheeler, of Mount Carmel, was elected State chaplain.

RUSSIAN-AMERICAN FOOD PACT SIGNED

Litvinoff Hopes for Friendly Relations Between the Two Countries

TO BEGIN WORK THURSDAY

By the Associated Press

Riga, Aug. 20.—The agreement between the United States and Russia, providing for American relief for the famine-stricken districts of Russia, was signed at 11:30 o'clock this morning by Walter Lyman Brown, European representative of the American Relief Administration, and Maxim Litvinoff, representative of the Russian Famine Committee.

Hope that the signing would lead to further relations between Russia and America was expressed in speeches made by M. Litvinoff and M. Meirovitz, the Letvian Premier.

Mr. Brown confined his remarks to formal words of thanks and the expression of the hope that the agreement would result in the saving of lives.

By the terms of the contract Russia is made the beneficiary of a far-reaching program, which includes not only providing food for the people of the famine-stricken Volga region but the combating of epidemics.

Portland Man Selected

Phillip Carroll, of Portland, Ore., will at least temporarily head the work of feeding the starving people of Russia, a task the American relief administration considers the greatest it has yet faced.

Mr. Brown announced today that Mr. Carroll would lead the first party of relief workers, which probably will leave here for Moscow on Thursday next. Mr. Carroll, who has been with the administration two years, made an excellent record by his work in Germany, South Russia and Serbia.

The other members of the first party will include John P. Gregg, of Portland, who has had experience with the relief administration in Poland and Lithuania; E. G. Neurland, of California, who comes from a post in Austria; Carlton G. Bowen, a Rhodes scholar who was with the first American relief workers in Belgium, and who later was in Hungary, and Will G. Shaffrons, of Denver, who has worked for the relief administration in Poland and Czecho-Slovakia.

Mr. Brown will return to London with his secretary, leaving to Captain John Miller, head of the relief administration in the Baltic States, the remainder of the task of handling the big Riga base.

The task of preventing the outbreak of contagious diseases among the fugitive thousands who have fled from their homes is considered great. Cholera has appeared in various districts and in many places there is danger of epidemics such as have in the past swept away myriads of victims and reached distant parts of the continent.

It is understood orders have already gone to Hamburg, Danzig and New York directing that relief ships be loaded with food and medicines for Russia. Actual work in Russia may possibly commence in a little more than a week.

Political and commercial activities will be outside the realm of the workers' duties, and any violation of this clause of the agreement may be cause for expulsion from Russia upon proofs being submitted to the directors of the relief work. All Americans engaged in feeding and caring for the famine sufferers will enjoy diplomatic rights.

All relief shipments will be transported free of charge to points selected by the Americans, who will have absolute control of distribution. It is the plan to restrict relief measures to people in actual distress and to prevent Government employes and men in the army and navy from coming into possession of supplies.

The Russian Famine Committee will co-operate with the American Relief Administration and the Americans will not operate in districts where the Russians are able to provide rations. Race, creed and political status will be forgotten, and reports of the work being done will be given the world without interference by the Soviet Government.

Observers here have declared the agreement confers upon the American Relief Administration facilities never before granted any foreign organization by a Russian government.

Washington, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—The agreement signed at Riga gives Soviet authorities the right to expel the Russian personnel of the American relief administration, but not American officials or relief workers, Secretary Hoover said today. The relief administration, he explained, has volunteered, however, to withdraw any of its agents in the event of unwarranted political activities on their part.

Preliminary plans for the co-operation of children's relief organizations with the American relief administration in furnishing food supplies to Russia will be taken up here Wednesday at a meeting of the European relief council, Mr. Hoover said. These organizations were urged by President Harding to co-ordinate their Russian relief activities under the relief administration.

London, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—Famine conditions in the Tartar Republics are very grave, says the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Herald. Private stores of food have been exhausted and the rich and poor alike are suffering.

A steamer has been sent along the Kama River to prevent panic and to forestall mass emigrations. Relief work is going on in the troubled area.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Harry Moore, 2419 N. College ave., and Mary Lentz, 1522 Newkirk st.
Edward Hauser, 2210 N. Hancock st., and Ethel Brown, 2433 W. Huntzart st.
Kingsley Gantz, 7368 State road, and Marie Lester, 7024 Van Dyke st.
Alonzo Hormon, 720 S. 18th st., and Beulah Jackson, 3501 Filbert st.
George W. Allen, 1411 N. Watts st., and Alphonsee Berthlone, 1411 N. Watts st.
Walter Wolisky, 187 Moore st., and Anna Hall, 1919 S. 2d st.
Frederick W. Hisher, Jr., 3102 Mt. Vernon st., and Lillian A. Gosnay, Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Harry Whitfield, 3115 Hope st., and Mary C. Waren, 3458 Bodine st.
Frederick G. Durr, Jr., 477 N. American st., and Larrie Hieber, 1214 N. 5th st.
Maurice E. Houck, 156 E. Duval st., and Eleanor E. Lang, 147 E. Washington lane.
Gustav Haitech, 6437 Upland st., and Helen Krug, 4054 Darien st.
William J. Gregory, 717 Brown st., and Sadie E. Carberry, 1701 Brown st.
Howard R. Taylor, 4847 Mulberry st., and Elizabeth M. Brodnick, 221 N. 16th st.
Lonnie H. Hall, Howell, Ind., and Margaret R. Doyle, 258 S. 5th st.
Harry Brown, 2503 Christian st., and Frances Brody, 525 Fairmount ave.
Raymond Holden, 1008 Parrish st., and Rose Terrell, 1123 Parrish st.

DEATHS

JONES.—On 19th inst., FLORA N., widow of H. Jones. Services on Tuesday, at 2 P. M., late residence, 1825 N. 11th st. Interment private.

HILL.—On August 18, SAMUEL M., son of James and Ann Hill (nee Shiles). Relatives and friends invited to funeral services, on Monday, at 2 P. M., parlors of A. S. Beers, 2529 Jefferson st. Interment private.

HELP WANTED—MALE

YOUNG MEN—We have an opening for 2 bright young men to learn the wool business; small salary to start, but rapid advancement if you make good. F 617, Ledger Office.

No Whisky Available; Not Even for Snakebite

New York, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—James McArdle, a keeper in the Bronx Zoo, was reported recovering today from the effects of a bite by a copperhead snake.

McArdle asked for a drink of whisky, which he declared was the best remedy for snakebite, but the doctors at a hospital where he was taken told him there was no whisky in the institution. They gave him a serum instead.

The keeper was bitten on the hand when he entered one of the reptile cages to clean it. His life probably was saved by Dr. Raymond L. Ditmars, curator, who wrapped his wrist with a rubber band, lanced the hand and sucked out the poison.

TREASURE CAVE OF SLAIN GERMAN OFFICER FOUND

Supposed to Be Hiding Place of $12,000 in Gold

Caldwell, N. J., Aug. 20.—A small artificial cave in which a German reservist is believed to have hidden $12,000 in gold during the war was uncovered Thursday on the estate of E. W. Robischon, but the cave is alleged to be as yet unexplored.

It has been common report here for three years or more than William Bosthorn, a reserve officer in the Imperial German Navy, who was murdered in 1918, had buried $12,000 on the estate in 1916 or 1917 while he was employed by Mme. Schumann-Heink, who then lived there.

Joseph Carpenter and his son George found the cave while cutting a road on a hillside overlooking the Passaic River on the estate, which is about four miles from North Caldwell. They cleared the entrance to the cave, but, according to Mr. Carpenter, did not enter or investigate.

They hurried off at once to inform Mr. Robischon, and he returned with them to the cave. Here the narrative stops abruptly. Mr. Robischon and his employes both assert that they scanned the exterior only of the hole scooped into the hillside. They insisted that they had not looked inside to see whether the tiny chamber was stuffed with gold eagles and double eagles or not.

Mr. Robischon, who is the head of E. W. Robischon, Inc., hosiery and underwear, at 1135 Broadway, New York, was reluctant to discuss the treasure trove, which, according to all the information which could be obtained for publication, is still in the cave waiting for Mr. Robischon and his hired man and the hired man's son to decide what to do about it.

THREE AUTOS COLLIDE

Man Who Tried to Pass Between Two Others Blamed

Atlantic City, Aug. 20. — A tragedy was narrowly averted on the third bridge of the Meadow Boulevard last night when three automobiles crashed together. Daniel L. Chamberlain, thirty-five years, a ship chandler, of 522 South Delaware avenue, Philadelphia, was arrested by Policeman Remington shortly after the accident. Mayor Bader, who came along in his car about the time the accident occurred, probably will be a witness at court today. Chamberlain was held on the charge of reckless driving and a technical charge of assault and battery. Bail was set in $100, in default of which he was placed in a cell.

The complainants against Chamberlain are John A. Clement, a Boardwalk business man, and Charles H. Beyer, of 104 South Somerset avenue, Ventnor. It is alleged the cars driven by Clement and Beyer were going in opposite directions, when Chamberlain coming along the boulevard at high rate of speed tried to cut between them. The automobiles were wrecked but no one was seriously injured.

GRAIN RATES ATTACKED

Experts Called to Show Freight Tariffs Are Unreasonably High

Washington, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—After five days of testimony regarding the agricultural situation in the West, grain men began today before the Interstate Commerce Commission an attack, through testimony of traffic experts, on the entire freight rate structure on grain and hay maintained by Western railroads.

Previously attorneys for the grain men, farmers and shippers had described suffering of the farmers, which they declared was due in large part to high freight rates. Experts were called today to show that the rates on grain, as compared with that on other commodities, was unreasonably high.

INDICT 44 LUMBER MEN

Charged With Price-Fixing and Trade Monopoly

Buffalo, Aug. 20. — Twenty-seven individuals and seventeen corporations engaged in the lumber trade in this city were indicted by the special Grand Jury, which made another partial report to Justice Cole yesterday afternoon.

All are charged with violating the section of the general business laws, which prohibits the formation of a monopoly in restraint of trade and the fixing of prices.

Evidence of an alleged combination of lumber dealers was brought out by the Lockwood Legislative Committee here last June.

BERLIN NOW READY TO SIGN U. S. PACT

Formal Peace Treaty to Be Concluded Next Week Unless Plans Miscarry

REICHSTAG ACTION SURE

By the Associated Press

Berlin, Aug. 20.—Unless unexpected complications develop in the next few days, a formal peace treaty with the United States will be signed by the German Government next week. Chancellor Wirth's confidential discussions with the parliamentary leaders of all parties, with the exception of the Communists, now are concluded, and as a result of these exchanges of opinions and confidences, and consultations with other influential persons outside Parliament, the Government is assured an ample majority in the Reichstag when the treaty, which is now being given its final draft, comes up for the ratifying vote before that body.

Ellis Loring Dresel, the American Commissioner in Berlin, and Dr. Friedrich Rosen, the Foreign Minister, have agreed on the fundamentals, and the document only awaits approval from Washington. This is expected to arrive in a day or two.

The treaty will not be discussed by the Foreign Relations Committee, but will go direct from the Cabinet to a plenary session of the Reichstag, where the Chancellor will present it with the Government's statement and the necessary elucidations. He will then request that it be ratified without party debate.

This request, it is believed, will be accepted to even by the parties not included in the coalition group as an act of courtesy to the Government, all of them, with the exception of the Communists, considering the Government entitled to that accommodation in view of the nature of the issue and the Nation's desire to have relations between the two countries restored without further delay.

"This is one of the necessary evils growing out of the war which we are glad to swallow," said a well-known Reichstag leader, discussing the treaty yesterday. He added the parties were given Dr. Wirth's assurance that the Porter-Knox resolution, on which the treaty is based, contained no conditions or penalties incompatible with the honor of Germany.

So far as can be learned the treaty is about to be concluded through the mediation of Mr. Dresel will be general in outline. No date has been fixed for the Reichstag vote, but it is believed the Government will endeavor to have the event take place simultaneously with action by the United States Senate.

Aside from the Reichstag's approval the treaty must also be ratified by the Reichsrat.

BRITISH SEEK SOVIET TRADE

Bankers Said to Have Obtained Long Lease on Port of Petrograd

London, Aug. 20.—(By A. P.)—It is reported that an English financial group has secured a long lease on the port of Petrograd from the Russian Soviet Government.

Dispatches from Russia last June stated that negotiations for the establishment of a company to take over the administrative power of the port of Petrograd were going on and that a number of London bankers were interested in the project.

At that time it was said the company would take over control of all factories and workshops in Petrograd and that the British might extend their operations to other Russian ports.

Dever Refuses to Run in Norwood

John Dever, a retired police lieutenant, of Norwood, who was nominated by acclamation for Burgess of that borough, and for whom nomination papers were filed at Media, has announced he will not be a candidate. He gave as a reason the wish to enjoy a well-earned rest.

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