IRISH CHIEFS BEGIN PEACE CONFERENCE

Leaders of Rival Factions Meet In Effort to Eliminate Further Disorders

MAY FIX ELECTIONS DATE

By the Associated Press

Dublin, April 13.—The peace conference summoned by Lord Mayor O'Neill, of Dublin, began its sessions in the Mansion House here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The proceedings were private. All the leaders of the opposing factions the Mayor had invited in an effort to bring about unity, or an understanding to prevent further disorders, were present.

An agreement also will be sought whereby the Irish people at a free election can decide the dispute between the Free Staters and Republicans.

Those present at the conference are: Those invited to the conference are: Arthur Griffith and Michael Collins, for the Provisional Free State Government; Eamon de Valera and Charles Burgess, for the Republicans; Archbishop Byrne, of Dublin, and Stephen O'Mara, Lord Mayor of Limerick. Lord Mayor O'Neill, of Dublin, is acting as chairman.

Mr. de Valera has opposed an election on the existing register, which he contends would exclude many young men and women who have reached voting age since it was compiled. Mr. Griffith has been against a new register on the ground that its preparation would delay the elections, which he had planned for June.

Those seeking to bring about an adjustment believe an agreement can be reached whereby the elections can be held in August under a new register, and thus avoid any interference at the polls by the dissident section of the Irish Republican Army which upholds De Valera's views.

Belfast, April 13.—(By A. P.)—A freight train of thirty cars was stripped of its contents by armed men at Mullingar yesterday evening. Bales of cloth and large quantities of foodstuffs, linen and a number of bicycles were transferred to commandeered lorries and carried away. The transfer occupied four hours. Ammunition from Cavan, belonging to the disbanded police, was removed in sacks.

SPEED IS GENOA MOTTO

Lloyd George Cannot Even Find Time for Golf

Genoa, April 13.—(By A. P.)—Even Good Friday will not be a holiday for the delegates to the Economic Conference, and it is not improbable that there will be sessions on Easter Sunday, so keen are the delegates to get the basis worked out for Europe's financial reconstruction.

At all hours of the day and night the delegates are rushing through the streets on their way to group meetings, and from 10 until 6 o'clock every day the sub-commissions are grinding away.

Mr. Lloyd George and the other British delegates were keenly disappointed at first at not finding a golf course within reach, but thus far they have had no time for recreation other than that afforded by the sporting game of keeping the conference from blowing up under the pressure of the Russian delegates' disarmament talk.

The chilly night winds from the Apennine Mountains, coming after the warmth of the afternoons, is causing a mysterious throat malady among the delegates, many of whom have resorted to gargles for relief. The Japanese especially have suffered from this affection.

Soviet to Reject Mixed Court Plan

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Poincare, of France, at the Villa Roggio, and that he also is expected here shortly.

Meanwhile two currents of opinion have arisen in the Russian delegation here. One is absolutely intransigeant in favoring rejection of the proposal contained in the report of the allied experts. The other favors acceptance of the report as a basis for discussion on the following fundamental points:

First, liberty of commerce to be insured to foreigners; second, the granting of juridical guarantees; third, acknowledgment of the debts contracted by Russia under the Czarist government if the Allies are ready to indemnify Russia for damages suffered from the Kolchak, Denikine and Wrangel armies.

Russians Claim Big Indemnity

According to the Russians, the indemnity they claim far exceeds the debts of the Czarist government, so the Allies would have to pay them a balance. The entire Russian delegation agrees on rejection of all measures aiming to introduce capitalization into their country or to reduce it juridically to the status of a colony.

They chiefly object to the suggestion of the experts that the verdict of a Russian law court against a foreigner cannot be carried out without the consent of a consul representing the country of which such a foreigner is a citizen.

The extremely complicated nature of the technical problems connected with the economic reconstruction of Europe is shown by the fact that even the keenest of the economic and financial experts here admit that they are hard put in their efforts to see the light.

Keynes "Tears His Hair"

The British economist, John Maynard Keynes, whose book, "Economic Consequences of the Peace," caused such a sensation, is described by one of his friends today as figuratively tearing his hair in an endeavor to fashion a practical plan for rehabilitating Europe financially. Mr. Keynes delivered a lecture to the British delegation on problems before the conference, while Prof. Cassell, noted Swedish expert, talked on financial and economic subjects to another group of delegates—all in an endeavor to find some reasonable projects for European relief.

Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, is welcomed by the European delegates and experts on account of his practical experience in finance, and he confers daily with them. The general secretariat of the conference furnished him with a special ticket giving him access to the conference rooms of the royal palace. C. W. Barron, New York financier, also is here as an American expert studying the situation.

Mr. Vanderlip told the Associated Press today that even if the Genoa conference accomplished nothing tangible it was already a distinct success because of the great benefit derived from round-table meetings of statesmen and experts from all the countries of Europe. These re-unions, he said, afforded desirable opportunities to develop the great difficulties confronting Europe politically and financially.

Farmers to Decide Fate of New Tariff

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ers still believe that protection is necessary to them.

Some swing away from the high tariff is noticeable in the turn of the tide against the American valuation and the collapse of the Gooding bloc. The outspokenness of farm bureau leaders like Howard is also significant. During the emergency tariff debate they were silent, although it is said now that they never believed in that tariff.

Farm Leaders for Moderate Tariff

The farm leaders now almost to a man favor a moderate tariff. If the farmers can be educated to a moderate tariff during the course of the Senate debate a great change in the present bill may be expected.

Virtually all the high duties in the bill rest upon the farmers' demand for high duties on agricultural products. The farm Senators felt they had a mandate from their constituents to get as high rates as possible. They traded their votes on raw materials and manufactured products for votes of Senators from the industrial sections in favor of high protection for farmers.

Almost every Senator, even from States which favored a moderate tariff, had some product or other on which he wanted high duties. The farmer Senators voted with him for his pet duty and he voted with them for theirs. The result is a tariff which will raise the cost of living for the farmer as well as for everybody else.

In the farmer should change his mind about protection in response to his leaders the props would go out from under the high duties upon non-agricultural products. The logs which were rolled together would separate and there would be a new bill.

Long Debate Forecast

The debate will be long so that there will be ample time for a campaign of education. The bill will only become a law just before the next election in any event.

Where opinion is as unstable as it is now the political dangers of a tariff law will be considerable. If the present bill is passed, the farmer will be sure to resent the high prices he will have to pay for certain articels and he may not see any advantage to himself from the high rates on his own products.

Manufacturers and bankers are looking to foreign trade, and a high tariff, by keeping foreigners from selling goods here, will restrict the market abroad for American products. If the result is unhappy the Republican administration will be held responsible.

Recent congressional elections show that the country is in a state of unstable equilibrium politically. Republican majorities are everywhere badly cut down. A variety of issues, including the wet-dry issue, have contributed, but the fundamental factor is discontent with the hard times. An unpopular tariff may prove just enough to turn the scale against the Republicans in November.

CALLS NEW TARIFF BILL UN-AMERICAN

Washington, April 13.—(By A. P.)—The Administration tariff bill pending in the Senate was assailed today by Senator Simmons, of North Carolina, ranking Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, as "the most un-American bill ever framed."

"Even a cursory examination indicates that it is the highest tariff bill ever written," declared Senator Simmons, who will lead the minority forces in their fight on the measure in the Senate. "A tariff more unsuited to present conditions, if we are to participate in world trade, could not well have been framed."

"If it is adopted," continued Senator Simmons, "we will hardly hear much more about Republican tariff bringing prosperity. It will be at least one Republican tariff that will be condemned not as bringing prosperity but adversity. In many instances it is excessively higher than the Payne-Aldrich, which added provisions authorizing the President under certain conditions to increase these rates within a limit of 50 per cent.

"So far as the so-called protection accorded agriculture is concerned only a small fraction of the duties imposed on agricultural products will be operative. They would have no effect, good or bad. The duties on a few agricultural products would result in an advance in prices. The high and excessive duties imposed on manufactured products would immediately result in a great increase in the prices of things that the farmers buy but do not produce.

"The main purpose of these high duties is to maintain the excessively high prices now obtained for products of industries other than the farm. The operation of the bill necessarily will penalize our export business, which will mean in the end curtailment of production and increased unemployment on the farms, in the mines and in the factories."

ALLEGED RELIGIOUS LEADER FACES SWINDLING CHARGE

Self-Styled "President of Canadian Christian Endeavor" Arrested

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger

Reading, Pa., April 13.—David Cameron, self-styled "president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Society," was held for court last night when he pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining money on false pretense.

Cameron, who has been active in church work in Reading for the last four months, was charged by Charles S. Rossiter, a merchant and elder of the Berean Baptist Church, with securing large sums from church people. Many of these were women, the Rev. John R. Humphreys, pastor of the church, also testified.

Cameron spread the report that he was in Reading for a Toronto business house and that as soon as he received a check from the company he would pay his loans and sail for Scotland.

According to the clergyman, Cameron is "fervent in prayer, highly spiritual and quotes Scripture frequently."

"On January 11 I met Mr. Cameron," said Mr. Rossiter. "He told me he was short of ready cash and I gave him $50. Later he said a check was coming from his brother, and I advanced him $500. Later I again gave him $250 and still later after the same story another $200. He told me that as soon as the check arrived he would sail for Scotland."

Shaves Himself and Ends His Life

The body of an unidentified man about forty-five years old was found in a woods on the outskirts of Gloucester City yesterday afternoon by John Daisey. It is believed that he was a Philadelphian. The man's throat was cut and near his body was a razor. Officials say it is suicide. A shaving brush was also found close by, and as his face was close-shaved the police believe the man shaved himself just before he cut his throat.

HERE ARE BRIDES APLENTY!
In Brittany, it is said: "Brides bloom almost as plentifully as flowers." Be sure to read "The Master Spirit Over the Sea" to appear in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit."—Adv.

ARBUCKLE QUICKLY ACQUITTED BY JURY

Third Trial Brings Freedom to Film Comedian Accused in Girl's Death

PLANS RETURN TO SCREEN

San Francisco, April 13.—Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle, film comedian, stood acquitted today after undergoing three trials on a charge of manslaughter for the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, screen actress, who was taken to a hospital fatally ill after a party in Arbuckle's hotel suite here.

Half an hour after the case was submitted to the jury late yesterday afternoon, the verdict of not guilty had been returned.

Arbuckle issued the following statement:

"This is the most solemn moment of my life.

"My innocence of the hideous charges preferred against me has been proved by a jury of the best men and women of San Francisco—fourteen in all—rendering a verdict immediately after the trial.

"For this vindication I am truly grateful to God and my fellow men and women.

"My life has been devoted to the production of clean pictures for the happiness of children. I shall try to enlarge my field of usefulness so that my art shall have a wider service.

To Profit by Experience

"It is the duty of all men to use the lessons that have been given them by experience and misfortune for the benefit of all, to make themselves more useful to humanity. This I shall do.

"I can only repay the trust, confidence and loyalty bestowed upon me during my trouble by millions of men and women throughout the world by rendering service in justification of their faith."

Members of the jury said the actual agreement was reached by acclamation within a few minutes after they retired to deliberate. Arbuckle said his plans were uncertain.

"I am going to take a good rest and get rid of some of this surplus flesh," explained the actor whose picture fame was associated with his weighty physique.

Expects Film Comeback

"If the public doesn't want me," he added, "I'll take my medicine. But after the quick vindication I have just received I am sure the American people will be fair. I believe I am due for a comeback."

Members of the jury in statements to the press said Arbuckle "deserved more than acquital." Mrs. Irene Wilde, a juror, declared the jury had felt "there was absolutely no case against Arbuckle." Another member said the comedian "impressed us as a man who was telling the truth."

The statement issued by the jury was signed by all the jurors, including the two alternates. It follows:

"Acquittal is not enough for Roscoe Arbuckle.

"We feel that a great injustice has been done him. We feel also that it was only our plain duty to give him this exoneration, under the evidence, for there was not the slightest proof adduced to connect him in any way with the commission of a crime.

"Manly" Throughout Case

"He was manly throughout the case and told a straightforward story on the witness stand, which we as one believed.

"The happening at the hotel was an unfortunate affair for which Arbuckle, so the evidence shows, was in no way responsible.

"We wish him success and hope that the American people will take the judgment of fourteen men and women who have sat listening for thirty-one days to the evidence, that Roscoe Arbuckle is entirely innocent and free from all blame."

District Attorney Matthew F. Brady said:

"I did what I believed to be my duty from the very start of this case and gave it the best that I had. If a similar case was to come before me I would do the same thing all over again. As to the verdict, I will say that I am an American citizen and I will take my hat off to the verdict of an American jury."

The two previous Arbuckle trials resulted in disagreements, in the first of which the majority was for acquittal and in the second the majority was for conviction.

Took Only One Vote

Edward Brown, foreman of the jury, said of the case afterward:

"Certainly, we were not long in reaching a verdict. Why should we have needed longer? We were unanimous from the minute we entered the jury room. We took only one ballot and that a standing vote. We were out of the courtroom five minutes and needed only half that time to agree."

"One ballot: no talk," was the way Juror W. S. Van Cott summed it up.

"We felt that there was absolutely no case against Arbuckle," said Mrs. Irene Wilde, another juror.

"We believed Arbuckle; that was all there was to it," said Juror Milton Bailey. "He impressed us as a man who was telling the truth, and that was all we needed."

Miss May Sharon, another juror, said, "From the time the State's case was completed, I felt it wasn't enough."

"Everything we heard pointed to Arbuckle's innocence," said Arthur Calhoun, another juror.

New York, April 13.—One of Roscoe C. ("Fatty") Arbuckle's comedy-drama pictures will be released to the public within thirty days in a test of public opinion, it was announced last night by Adolf Zukor, president of the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation, when informed of the comedian's acquittal.

"As to Mr. Arbuckle's future activity in motion-pictures, it may be said to depend on the attitude of his public," Mr. Zukor said. "We will not force the pictures, but will supply them if the demand exists."

Aviator Killed on Eve of World Flight

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ments, and talked to his visitors with modest confidence in his chances for success.

Sir Ross was a pilot remarkable for his skill rather than for feats of the dare-devil type. He never took chances beyond the necessary ones. "Safety first," with due regard to the accomplishment of the task before him was his motto in the air.

Captain Sir Ross Smith sprang into prominence in aviation in 1919, when, accompanied by his brother, Sir Keith, he made a flight from England to Australia, 11,500 miles, winning a prize of £10,000 from the Australian government. Both aviators were knighted for the feat.

Captain Smith saw distinguished service in the European War, and was one of the British army aviators who in December, 1918, made the first flight from Cairo to Calcutta.

The route of the flight around the world, which the brothers expected to start from Croydon, near London, April 25, was by way of France, Egypt, Asia Minor, India, China, Japan and Siberia, thence jumping to North America at Bering Straits, with landings on some of the Aleutian Islands and at Unalaska, in Alaska, thence across Canada to Sault Ste. Marie to New York, and thence to Newfoundland for the jump across the Atlantic to Ireland.

The aviators expected to cover the 21,500 miles in 240 hours of actual flying spread over a period of three months.

BAR REPARATION PARLEY

French Oppose Meeting of Supreme Council at Genoa

Paris, April 13.—(By A. P.)—Premier Poincare is opposed to the Allied Supreme Council meeting in Genoa to consider Germany's reply to the Reparation Commission's rulings on the question of a partial moratorium. French official circles believe there is little likelihood of the question coming up before the allied Governments until May 31, when the next German payment under the old schedule comes due.

As to the question of reparations being brought before the Genoa Conference itself, a high French official said today that if this were done the French delegation would make good the course outlined by Premier Poincare before the opening of the conference and quit the gathering.

HEFTY CHORUS 'GIRLS' STAR IN MASK AND WIG WORKOUT

First Dress Rehearsal of 'Telling Tales,' Burlesque on Opera 'William Tell,' Put on at Forrest Theatre

Stout legs encased in silk, massive chests bulging from bodices, bass voices reading coy lines, football features struggling with demure gestures—deep, almost cathedral voices above as colorful a mass on scene as has ever been seen on a Philadelphia stage—such is the conglomerate impression of the first dress rehearsal of "Telling Tales," the Mask and Wig show of this year. The rehearsal was at the Forrest Theatre this morning.

"Telling Tales" is a burlesque of the opera, "William Tell," with the book translated into contemporaneous slang, and ballets so frequently introduced that there is seldom fewer than seven persons on the stage at any given time.

A professional musical comedy chorus so overworked would probably occasion a strike.

The curtain rises on the customary village holiday. Hefty peasant girls with football dimensions and slim young men in multi-colored doublets sing, dance or jump around on pogo sticks. One gathers presently, however, that a deep shadow hangs over the village.

Then the Tyrant

The shadow is that of the Bailiff Gessler, a tyrant who would, it seems, put an end to this incessant yodeling dancing and pogoing at which the peasants spend their time. This attitude of Gessler's seems not altogether unjustified.

The first big number is when the astrologer Grimaldo reads the fortunes of the ensemble.

Here is the occasion for a series of remarkable ballets to the words: "He reads your future in the stars, from Venus, Jupiter and Mars," or something like that. The lights are put out and from behind their jerkins the peasants produce electrically lighted stars mounted on wands and dance with them. This formation, perhaps the most difficult in the piece, went through without a hitch and was thought to be very clever.

The best numbers, however, were those of Gessler (J. S. Coward, 2d) and his four spies, Enie, Meenie, Mine and Mo.

Turkish Mission at Genoa

Genoa, April 13.—(By A. P.)—A Turkish mission, composed of Bekir Samy Bey, Foreign Minister of the Angora Government; Solina Bey and General Djelaleddin Arif Bey, arrived here today and was received by Baron Romano Avezzana, general secretary of the Economic Conference. The Turks declared they wished to be admitted to the conference, trusting to be supported by George Chicherin. The Turks argued that if Greece was represented it was only just that delegates representing 350,000,000 Mussulmans also should be present.

Now Anxious to Wed

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MISS MARY LANDON BAKER

Chicago heiress who is sailing for Europe to wed Allister McCormick, whom she has twice left "waiting at the church." She says she'll surely not disappoint him this time

665,000 MEN OUT, SAY MINERS' HEADS

Union Officials Claim Continued Gains, Particularly in Western Pennsylvania Fields

ENDURANCE TEST FORECAST

By the Associated Press

Indianapolis, Ind., April 13.—Continued gains in the non-union coal fields were claimed today by the United Mine Workers of America for the nation-wide suspension of work in the coal industry with the union's announcement that 665,000 miners are now participating in the walkout.

Plans for pushing the movement into the non-union fields, particularly Central Pennsylvania, were being considered by union officials, with indications that more organizers may be sent into the coal fields. Formal announcement of any decision was unlikely, for the union's plan has been to permit its field forces to appear unannounced at their work.

With the strike now nearing the end of the second week, the new figures on the number of idle men showed an increase of 65,000 since the opening of the suspension, when the union claimed 600,000 participants. Of this number 25,000 recruits have been added this week, union officials asserting that most have been obtained in central Pennsylvania.

Except for the developments in the non-union fields, no change has yet come in the general situation. In union circles here, the opinion apparently was that the strike is settling down to a test of endurance and that any changes will occur slowly.

New York, April 13.—(By A. P.)—Efforts of the anthracite miners and operators sub-committee on wage contract negotiations to settle the strike will be temporarily abandoned after today's session to permit members to return to their respective districts, it was announced at union headquarters.

Philip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers of America, expects to leave tonight for the national headquarters at Indianapolis for a conference with John L. Lewis, president. Sessions of the sub-committee on wage contract negotiations probably will not be resumed until next Tuesday, he said.

Hazleton, Pa., April 13.—(By A. P.)—The 155,000 idle mine workers of the anthracite coal fields today began receiving the last pay they will get until the collieries resume. The men expressed faith in the ability of their committee to reach a satisfactory agreement on a new wage scale.

The strikers either went to the traveling pay cars or the offices near the mines to receive their money, which is for the final two weeks of March. According to union officials the annual payroll in the coal region is $37,000,000.

By the Associated Press

Charleston, W. Va., April 13.—After prosecuting Attorney D. D. Ashworth had cross-examined three men yesterday in connection with a shooting on the road between Oswald and Mount Hope, in which John Deila was wounded, warrants were obtained and three more men were taken by the officials. One was found at union headquarters, it was said. The shooting occurred when six miners were on their way in an automobile from Oswald to Mount Hope, and one of a volley of shots struck Deila.

George P. Clay, who was thought by deputy sheriffs to have been wounded when the officers returned fire of a group of men discovered about a moonshine still at Bee Branch, was later found in a critical condition at his home. He was not arrested on account of his condition, but two other men, alleged to have been in the party, were taken by officers.

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—(By A. P.)—Miners of the Bon Air Corporations, which operate mines at Bon Air, Ravenscroft, Eastland and Clifty, Tenn., are said in advices received here to have all returned to work on the 1917 scale with an agreement that whatever scale is adopted by the miners and operators in their negotiations eventually will be effective.

OPERATE WASHERIES GUARDED BY TROOPS

Shamokin, Pa., April 13.—That trouble is brewing in the Shamokin region of District 9, United Mine Workers of America, is evident today, because of the working of three washeries and the patroling of the highways by a detachment of State troopers. Since April 1, the expiration of the contract between the mine operators and mine workers, the mines have been idle, but the Coal Creek washeries have been working.

On Monday, about 300 mine workers, headed by President Christ Golden, Secretary James McAndrews and Organizer John Hollister of District 9, made a tour of the washeries along the creek bank, between this city and Sunbury. Superintendents were called on and all agreed to live up to the "gentlemen's agreement" and not work their washeries during the negotiations between labor and capital.

As the result twenty washeries were closed down and no "coln creek coal" was shipped on the market. Since that time, the demand for this coal has been big and the operators of three washeries decided to dig the coal and ship it to the market. Yesterday the operators of the washeries communicated with State troopers, at the Pottsville Barracks, and a detachment of seven men were sent here and will patrol the district that is working. The mine workers are agitated over this affair.

NEW YORK TO AID VETERANS

Unemployed and Disabled Men Will Receive $30 to $45 Monthly

Albany, N. Y., April 13.—First steps for the relief of disabled and unemployed World War veterans of New York State, under provisions of a bill signed yesterday by Governor Miller, were taken today at a meeting of the Veterans' Relief Commission, created by the act. The law has made available $1,000,000 for the immediate relief of veterans who come within its provisions.

A veteran who is suffering from a sickness or disability incurred during his service, or as a result thereof, and who has been out of regular employment for two weeks, may receive $30 a month, if without dependents, or $45 a month if he has dependents.

Dr. J. B. Deaver to Speak

Dr. John B. Deaver will talk tonight on Public Health at the Academy of Music, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Forum. Dr. James M. Anders will preside.

LET "BOB" TELL YOU
When it comes to baseball facts you can hand out Robert W. Maxwell, "Bob" knows the line-up, the condition of the players and each club's relative strength. Read "Bob's" column every day on Sports Pages of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit."—Adv.

BRITISH MINE LEADER DIES

Thomas Burt Was Veteran Laborite and Carnegie Pensioner

Newcastle, England, April 13.—(By A. P.)—Thomas Burt, the veteran miners' leader and the first miner elected to the British Parliament, died today at his home here.

Mr. Burt, who was eighty-four years old, was the recipient of a $5000 annuity under the will of Andrew Carnegie. He had attracted the ironmaster's attention while parliamentary secretary to the Board of Trade in 1892 when Mr. Carnegie sought him out and thanked him for a speech made at a miners' meeting defending the ironmaster after an attack had been made on the latter by Kier Hardie.

ARREST SEMENOV'S AIDE; SEEK CHIEF

Former Russian Official Is Charged With Carrying Pistol Without Permit

MORE ATROCITIES BARED

By the Associated Press

New York, April 13.—While deputy Sheriffs were hunting today for General Gregorie Semenov, former Ataman of the Cossacks, to furnish a new bond in the bankruptcy proceedings against him, his aide, George W. Kroupsky, former District Attorney at Petrograd, was arrested at Broadway and Chambers street charged with carrying a pistol without a permit.

Washington, April 13.—Allied soldiers in Siberia were greeted with insolence and were refused co-operation by the Semenov forces, the Senate Labor Committee was told today in its investigation into the activities of General Gregorie Semenov, anti-Bolshevik leader, whose deportation is sought by the committee chairman, Senator Borah, of Idaho. The witness was Captain Edwin L. Earle, of St. Paul, a former officer of a British engineer corps.

Captain Earle said that upon his arrival in Siberia he carried to Semenoff's headquarters the greetings of General Knox, the British commander and invited the anti-Bolshevik leader to call on the British commander-in-chief. General Semenoff declined roughly, saying, according to Captain Earle:

"If your superior wants me, I am here."

Captain Earle ttold the committee the desire of the allied or associated forces to aid in restoring order was given no consideration by Semenoff or his subordinates.

Deaths of a Day

GEORGE SPENCER MORRIS

Architect Had Been in Ill Health for Two Years

George Spencer Morris, since 1908 senior member of the firm of Morris & Erskine, architects, died last night at his home in Olney. He had been in ill health for two years. He was spending the winter in Florida, but his condition became acute recently and he returned hurriedly to this city.

Mr. Morris was a member of the Board of Curators of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia and was interested especially in the ornithological section. He took a prominent part in Boy Scout work and for years was a member of the Philadelphia Scout Council.

Mr. Morris was an amateur artist and a member of the Philadelphia Sketch Club. He served many years as a member of the Board of Managers of the Friends' Hospital, Frankford, and of the Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Virginia.

He leaves a widow and five children.

IRA J. ROSS DIES

President of Pan-American Laboratories Was Once a Pastor

Ira J. Ross, president of the Pan-American Laboratories, Inc., died yesterday at his home, 48 East Lacrosse avenue, Lansdowne.

Before engaging in business, Mr. Ross was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church for fifteen years. His services in the church ranged from occupying a pulpit in a New England town to missionary work in South America.

The funeral services at 2 o'clock, Saturday afternoon, at the Ross residence, will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. A. A. Arthur, pastor of the Lansdowne M. E. Church, and the Rev. Dr. George M. Broadhead, pastor of the Sayers Memorial Church, West Philadelphia.

Mr. Ross is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ella Holcomb Ross, and two sons, Myron A. Ross and Samuel H. Ross, both of Chicago. He was born at Underhill, Vt., on February 13, 1851.

Milton H. Emmert

Milton H. Emmert, who died Tuesday at his home, 4054 Lancaster avenue, will be buried next Saturday. The funeral services will be held in the mortuary chapel of Delmar J. Colflesh, 703 North Fortieth street, and will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Robert O'Boyle, pastor of St. John's Reformed Church. Mr. Emmert was born in Lancaster County, and taught school for a time before coming to Philadelphia to enter business as a printer and stationer. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Katherine Gartside Emmert, and one son, Milton Gartside Emmert. He was a Mason and a member of a number of other fraternal orders.

"UNCLE JOE" WAS SOME BATTLER!
Joseph Gurney Cannon held his own against all comers during twenty-three years in the House of Representatives. You'll enjoy reading "Uncle Joe's" Philosophy of Life, to appear in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's PUBLIC LEDGER. "Make It a Habit."—Adv.

DEATHS

ENTRIKEN.—On April 11, 1922, GEORGE, husband of Anna H. Entriken and son of the late John and Ann Entriken. Funeral on Friday, April 14, at 3 P. M., from his daughter's home, Mrs. John R. Hollinger, Rosedale ave., West Chester, Pa. Interment Oaklands Cemetery.

NEVIL.—April 12, BELLA M., wife of Joseph P. Nevil. Funeral Saturday, 2 P. M., residence of her son, Joseph M. Nevil, 52 E. 3d st., Moorestown, N. J. Friends may call Friday evening.

CHAPIN.—April 11, ISABELLA M., daughter of the late William F. and Elizabeth T. Chapin. Relatives and friends, also employees of Gimbel Bros., are invited to attend funeral, Monday, 8:30 A. M., funeral parlors of William H. Chew, S. W. cor. 56th and Spruce sts. High mass at the Church of the Transfiguration, 10 A. M. Interment Old Cathedral Cemetery.

BLACK.—April 12, 1922, MARY, widow of late W. D. Black. Relatives and friends are invited to attend funeral services, Saturday, 2 P. M., at her late residence, 1231 W. Venango st. Interment private. Hillside Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening.

STERLING.—On April 11, 1922, KATE, widow of Harry E. Stirling, formerly of Philadelphia. Relatives and friends, also all organizations of which she was a member are invited to the services on Friday, afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at the Upper H. Hair Bldg., 1829 Chestnut st. Interment private.

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FORTY WITNESSES TO AID BUTTERWECK

Trial of Bankrupt Builder Is Resumed With Grilling of His Accuser

LIKELY TO END NEXT WEEK

By a Staff Correspondent

Allentown, Pa., April 13.—When the trial of Harry A. Butterweck, bankrupt builder and real estate man, was resumed today the grilling of his accuser, Fred H. Sterner, by Asher Seip, Butterweck's counsel, was continued. All day yesterday Sterner was forced to identify documents and ask questions that probed into the innermost recesses of his business dealings with Butterweck.

The defense expects to call about forty witnesses. If this is done, it will carry the trial over into next week.

Sterner, formerly treasurer and now vice president of the Trexler Lumber Company, is a henchman of General Harry C. Trexler, one of the wealthiest men in the State and a dominating force in this city. It is Sterner's charge that Butterweck forged his name to two notes—one for $3500 and the other for $4000.

The defense declares Butterweck had power of attorney to sign Sterner's name to the notes and is endeavoring to prove that, although Sterner knew previously that Butterweck had signed his name many times to various documents, this is the first time he has come forward with a forgery charge.

It is charged by the defense that the accusation of forgery is being made by Sterner now in order to avoid liability for the other times he is alleged to have allowed the accused man to sign his name, the total amount involved being estimated by many here at about $800,000.

Mr. Seip this morning read to the jury numerous bonds, mortgages and contracts in connection with the defendant's building operations here, the effort being to show that Sterner was actually Butterweck's business partner. In some of the contracts for building material final payment, it was specified, was not to be made until Sterner had inspected and approved the completed job. In other documents it was provided that certain of the building operations should be known as the "Fred H. Sterner houses."

DRUG ROBBERY PLOT BARED

Philadelphian Poses as Gunman to Trap Boston Suspects

Boston, April 13.—(By A. P.)—With the capture today of two men, Boston police and Federal narcotic officers said they had discovered a plot by which one gang of underworld characters robbed drug stores to obtain narcotics for use by bandits and others engaged in more serious crimes.

John Conley and Mark E. Ridge, each eighteen years of age, were arrested after a struggle in the South Boston district. They had $3000 worth of drugs, alleged to have been stolen from a drug store, which Captain William E. Davis, of Philadelphia, "under cover" officer of the Federal narcotic forces, said they had agreed to sell him when he posed as a gunman.

Boy Killed by Leap From Auto

Norristown, Pa., April 13.—Walter Baliff, a thirteen-year-old Bridgeport boy, died at the Norristown Hospital last night from a fractured skull. On his way home from school at Swedeland last Tuesday, the boy jumped off the school automobile truck while it was moving and landed on his head.

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RECKITTS ARE SATISFIED AT DAUGHTER'S ELOPEMENT

Knew Dorothy Was Planning Marriage, Mother Says

"We are perfectly satisfied," said Mrs. William G. Reckitt today, commenting on the elopement yesterday of her eighteen-year-old daughter Dorothy.

Dorothy was a sister of Mildred Reckitt, who was shot and killed by Mrs. Kathryn Rosier, who also killed Oscar Rosier, her husband.

Dorothy eloped to Elkton, Md., with Charles W. Miller, twenty-three, of Pittsburgh. The runaway marriage surprised her parents, who live at 2425 West Cumberland street.

"We knew they would be married some day," said Mrs. Reckitt. "And now that they are we are perfectly satisfied. I don't want to say anything more about it. We have had enough trouble."

GIRL'S SIGHT ENDANGERED

Katherine Laird, Abington, Hit in Eye by Slingshot Pellet

A small pellet of tinfoil, thrown from a slingshot by a boy, has endangered the sight of an eye for Katherine Laird, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Laird, of Abington. The girl is about fourteen years old.

No action has been taken against the boy, as the affair is regarded as purely an accident.

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