

DIPLOMACY ENDS ON DEPORTATIONS

(Continued From First Page.) draw guidance for the next steps, if any be taken. Germany's reply conveyed in conversations with Charge Grew at Berlin by Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg is that the deportations are regarded as justified on the grounds of social necessity.

No actual reply in the form of a note has been received from Germany but no doubt has been left by the chancellor that the deportations of the United States will not be headed.

The State Department feels that it has gone far beyond the usual diplomatic bounds in its protest to Germany and that in a strictly conventional sense it had almost no right to discuss the matter at all with Germany as Belgium's interest in that country are represented by Spain and not by the United States.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The text of the formal protest of the United States made to Germany against the deportation of Belgians for forced labor as being contrary to all precedents and against humane principles of international practice was made public yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing.

The formal statement, giving the text of the note Charge Joseph G. Grew, at Berlin, read to the imperial chancellor, went on to state that the "interview has taken place."

The note was cabled to Charge Grew on November 29, following unsuccessful informal efforts. The State Department had previously instructed Mr. Grew to say informally that the deportations were having a most unfavorable effect upon neutrals, particularly in the United States.

The note, the text of which follows, is the outcome of these informal conversations. It reads: "The government of the United States has learned with the greatest concern and regret the news that the German government to deport from Belgium a portion of the civilian population for the purpose of forcing them to labor in Germany and is constrained to protest against this action, which is in contravention of all precedent and of those humane principles of international practice which have long been accepted and followed by civilized nations in their treatment of non-combatants in conquered territory.

Furthermore, the government of the United States is convinced that the effect of this policy if pursued will be in all probability fatal to Belgian relief work so humanely planned and so successfully carried out, a result which would be a disgrace to the United States which, it is assumed, would seriously embarrass the German government."

Berlin, Dec. 7, via London, Dec. 9.—Germany in a day or two will reply with a memorandum to the representations which Joseph C. Grew, secretary of the American embassy, has been making regarding the deportation of Belgian laborers. The reply is expected to follow much the same lines as that made to the Belgian protest through the Spanish government, the substance of which was published in the North German Gazette this morning.

The result of Secretary Grew's conference with the German ambassador, von Bethman-Hollweg on the subject probably will be that while the principle of using unemployed Belgians in Germany will be adhered to, pains will be taken to restrict the number of Belgians applied. It is explained that it has not always been possible to prevent the measure being applied to Belgians not of the unemployed classes, but that greater care is now being exercised and that with the use of Belgian lists it is designed to affect.

German Answer Regarding Seebek Sinking on Way

SWEENEY RAPS BAKERS' PLAN

(Continued From First Page.) ounces of bread for 5 cents. The loaves of bread have been reduced in weight very considerably within the last few months. I weighed today three loaves of bread made by three different firms, each loaf weighing 11 ounces, including the wrapper. The consumer is now required to pay 5 cents for 11 ounces of bread. Prior to this increase in the cost of flour, etc., and the reduction of the amount of bread in the loaf, he received a 16-ounce loaf of bread for 5 cents.

"Each ounce of bread at the present price of 5 cents for 11 ounces costs the consumer 5-11 of a cent per ounce. The consumer now receives but 11 ounces when he normally received 16 ounces in a loaf, making a reduction of five ounces in each loaf, which means a loss to him of 2-3-11 cents on each loaf.

"If the baker should increase the cost of loaves of bread of the present size (11 ounces) to 6 cents, figuring on the basis of a 16-ounce loaf of bread, which the consumer formerly received for 5 cents, it would, if he now received a 16-ounce loaf of bread, cost him 8-11 cents.

"It will be seen then that the baker is now receiving 2-11 cents a loaf more than he received before the advanced cost of the material used in the making of bread, as the result of the cutting down of the size of the loaf. If the baker were making a profit on bread when selling a 16-ounce loaf for 5 cents it would seem that the reduction in the size of the loaf from 16 ounces to 11 ounces, for which he still receives 5 cents, would protect him from any loss caused by the advanced cost of flour and other materials, and there is absolutely no reason why the size of bread is to remain at its present size, there should be any advance in the cost of bread to the consumer, as the cutting down of the loaf has already been made and the baker is making a profit on it.

Plans for a New Year Day celebration of the eight-hour law are nearing completion. At an enthusiastic meeting yesterday afternoon, held at the home of William Barbour, 1152 1/2 Market street, members of the committee representing White Block Lodge, No. 127, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and other organizations, met for the purpose of discussing the details of the celebration.

Just an Effort to Gouge the Public, Says City Sealer H. D. Reel

"To my mind there is no reason for raising the price of bread to six cents; it seems to me to be just an effort to gouge the public!"

That is the view City Sealer Harry D. Reel has taken on the proposition of the State bakers in convention here recently to boost the bread prices from five to six cents a loaf.

Up until an early hour this afternoon, the sealers of the city, headed by the Sealer the question of requiring sixteen ounces to the loaf if the one cent advance is insisted upon.

The weight reductions Mr. Reel pointed out that the bread problem has been the subject of careful inspection for the last several months and he has obtained considerable data as to the recent reduction in weight of the loaves for which five cents is the price.

In this connection Mr. Reel mentioned a curious coincidence relative to the difference in price between locally baked bread—in this city and in other municipalities of the State.

5 Cents Here; 4 in Williamsport

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FOR SALE 22 S. 19th St. Near Market 2 1/2-story brick house, semi-detached, 9 rooms and bath; steam heat, electricity, gas, cemented cellar with hot and cold water and toilet; front and back porches, balcony, rear drive alley, paved street.

RAILROAD NEWS EIGHT-HOUR MEN DISCUSS PARADE Committee Discusses Plans; Will Meet Again Monday Night

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Chief Engineer is Enroute to Jamaica

George H. Brown, chief engineer of the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, is on his way to Jamaica, N. Y., for the winter.

WILL KEEP GOING SUNDAY On account of the heavy freight traffic due to the Christmas rush, freight traffic will be continued all day to-morrow.

TRAINING FROM WEST LATE Engine troubles on the Pittsburgh division and heavy passenger traffic from the west of Pittsburgh, held up through trains to-day.

Standing of the Crews HARRISBURG SIDE Philadelphia Division — 114 crew to go first after 3 p. m.: 108, 106.

TO MERGE WESTINGHOUSE Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 9.—It became known to-day that separate meetings of the directors of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company and the Union Switch and Signal Company, held here yesterday, each board unanimously voted to consolidate these two important Westinghouse interests.

Invest Your Money In a Home No other investment will afford you and your family as much pleasure and comfort as the owning of the house you live in; then your residence actually becomes your home.

ADVERSE REPORTS CAUSE SLUMP Fears of Untoward Developments Over Week-End Bring Depression

New York, Dec. 9.—Short selling and liquidation inspired by adverse reports dealing with export trade conditions and fears of untoward developments over the week-end combined to bring about a general depression of quoted values in to-day's short but active session.

NEW YORK STOCKS Chandler Bros. & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchange, 3 North Market Square, Harrisburg, 1338 Chestnut street, Philadelphia; 34 Pine street, New York, furnish the following quotations:

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like American Can, American Loco, and various bonds.

PHILADELPHIA PRODUCE Philadelphia, Dec. 9.—Wheat—Lower: No. 2, red spot and Dec-mbr, 1.17 1/2; No. 2, Southern, red, 1.19 1/2.

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FOR SALE Seven-room frame dwelling, northwest corner Eleventh and Paxton streets; water, gas and sewer connections, private alley on Paxton street.

REAL ESTATE 46,220 SQUARE FT. OF POSTERS Building Inspector Grants Permission For Billboards at 1-4 Cent a Foot

Just 46,220 feet of billboard space is used each year for that form of poster advertising throughout Harrisburg according to the data set forth in the application for the usual permit from the city building inspection department for the purpose.

ENDORSE SIGN REMOVAL Removal of the signs and banners across Market street because of their unsightliness as advocated by the Municipal League, was heartily commended yesterday by the Harrisburg Real Estate Board.

MILLER BROS. & CO. REPORT RECENT SALES Miller Bros. & Co. report the following recent sales of real estate:

Newsboys to Give Concert to Boost Building Fund At a meeting of the Harrisburg Newsboys' Association last night in the association rooms, plans were completed for a concert to be held in the City Auditorium on Christmas January 25.

"SHOE FACTORY CAPITOL" SOLD (Continued From First Page.) Local talent will be heard. The Rutherford club, the Technical High School orchestra, the Ovey Sholom choir, Sara Lerner's orchestra, Mrs. Wilbur F. Harris, Samuel Schein and Harry Isaacman have volunteered their services.

RUBBER STAMPS SEALS & STENCILS MFG. BY HBG. STENCIL WORKS 130 LOCUST ST. HBG. PA.

North Fifth Street Homes Located at 231-13-15-17 N. Fifth St. EASY TERMS FRED C. MILLER BUILDER

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