

TRUCE IN EFFECT BUT LEADERS ARE STILL IN DOUBT COURSE OF U. S. IS DEFINITELY SET TOWARD 2 GOALS

Curfew is Reimposed at Belfast Following Disorders; Quiet is Restored

Dominion Status Expected by Valera

Irish Republican Leaders Will Abandon Plans for the Proposed Parliament

London, July 11.—Premier Lloyd George and Eamon de Valera, will meet in London on Thursday at a place not yet designated to begin the preliminary conversations in an effort to arrive at a settlement of the Irish question.

Dublin, July 11.—The truce in Ireland, agreed upon by government officials, and Irish leaders, pending peace, went into effect at noon today.

Disorder at Belfast Belfast, July 11.—The curfew was reimposed here today as a result of the disorders of Sunday.

A great deal of revolver firing developed in Stanhope Street and the adjoining Carrick Hill districts.

London, July 11.—The truce between the crown forces and the Irish republican army, became effective at noon today, but there were apprehensions that extremists on both sides of the bitter controversy in Erin would be hard to control.

It appeared today that the conversations between de Valera and the prime minister, Lloyd George, would revolve around the granting of dominion status to Ireland upon condition that the Sinn Fein demand for the establishment of an Irish republic would be abandoned.

Famously de Valera will come to London on Thursday of this week for his conference with Premier Lloyd George to discuss basis of settlement of the Irish problem.

Paris, July 11.—The course of the United States was definitely set today toward two goals of international importance—limitation of armaments and solution of problems involving the Pacific and the far east.

President Harding, it was revealed in a state department announcement published today, has approached with informal but definite inquiries, the governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to ascertain whether it would be agreeable to those nations to participate in a conference to be held in Washington to discuss armament limitation.

The state department announced that if the proposals for a limitation of armaments conference were found acceptable formal invitations for the conference would be issued.

Great popular interest was attached to the statement announced today by Lloyd George, the British premier, which London advices have indicated would touch upon the matters initiated by Mr. Harding.

Attitude of France Unchanged Paris, July 11.—Sheldon Whitehouse, counselor of the American embassy called at the French foreign office just before noon today and talked with M. de Peretti de la Rocca, director of political affairs, on the possibility of holding a conference on disarmament.

Mr. Whitehouse delivered no document in this connection, merely engaging in a tentative conversation on the subject.

Unofficial opinions, gathered in official circles, are to the effect that France will accept President Harding's invitation, for a conference if one is received.

The attitude of the government, however, is said to be unchanged after it was set forth in the assembly of the league last September, when Leon Bourgeois explained France was ready and would be glad to reduce her armaments but any decision must depend on absolute security from the east.

Inquiries in official circles disclosed the impression that such security has not yet been obtained. The upper Silesian troubles and the nationalist reaction in certain parts of Germany are cited.

French opinion is particularly exercised over the continued agitation by the German manufacturers who remained in upper Silesia, after the evacuation of German forces under General von Hoefler.

Since the assassination of Major Montaner, at Beuthen last week, two French officers have been besieged in their quarters by menacing crowds, it is said. The French government affirms that the version of the shooting of Major Montaner given by certain German newspapers, is inaccurate in essential particulars, both the British and French reports demonstrating that someone in the crowd of demonstrators was responsible for the shooting.

British Are Gratified (By the Associated Press) London, July 11.—President Harding's message looking to the calling of an international conference on the limitation of armaments has been received with the most pleasure by Great Britain, Mr. Lloyd George, the prime minister declared in the house of commons today.

President Harding's note regarding a conference on the limitation of armaments, was received by the American embassy here yesterday and was forwarded to Ambassador Harvey, who was in the country. The ambassador went to Chequers court and saw Premier Lloyd George there.

Newspaper comment would appear to indicate deep gratification on the part of the British people. George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain, plans to be present at today's session of the house of commons and Lloyd George was expected to refer to the Pacific problem and the relation of armaments. Announcement that President Harding had asked Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to confer at Washington on the limitation of armaments, was expected from Prime Minister Lloyd George when the house of commons opened its session today.

China would be admitted to the conference for the purpose of taking part in the consideration of far eastern problems and there was a feeling here today that the discussions would bring about a definite understanding which would include virtually the whole field of international relations.

George Harvey, the American ambassador to Great Britain, is understood to have conveyed President Harding's proposal to Lloyd George.

Belfast.—Rioting which broke out in Belfast, resulted in 24 deaths and nearly 100 wounded.

PRESIDENT LAUNCHING BOAT SENATOR'S LITTLE SON BUILT



Before going to the golf links at Raritan, N. J., where he was the guest over the fourth of Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, President Harding officiated at the launching of a boat built by the senator's son Joe. The photograph shows the president christening the boat "Raritan" with a bottle which it was thought contained champagne. The president then made a little speech and the craft went down the ways with Joe manning the oars.

WAR SHIPS SENT BACK TO TAMPICO; SITUATION QUIET

APPEAL MADE TO AMERICAN LABOR FEDERATION TO PREVENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN U. S. AND MEX.

Mexico City, July 11.—United States warships, which, on Friday, were reported to have been withdrawn from Tampico last night, said the Sacramento and Cleveland aggregation were anchored at the mouth of the Panuco river, and although no explanation was given, it was presumed the vessels withdrew to the high seas for 24 hours in order to avoid the technicalities of international law and then returned to Tampico when they first arrived off Panuco the first of the week, it was their mission to "protect North American interests."

It is considered not improbable the vessels will continue this maneuver until the situation clears.

Reports from Tampico state that the situation remains quiet. General Amulio Gomez, commander of federal troops in that district, arrived there Saturday night and after a hasty survey advised the government that his reports had been exaggerated.

The confederation of workers of the state of Vera Cruz, representing 15 unions, met at Orizaba yesterday and drafted an appeal to the American Federation of Labor to aid in preventing serious difficulties between the United States and Mexico.

Washington, July 11.—Receipt of orders from the navy department for their departure from Tampico was acknowledged early today by the cruiser Cleveland and gunboat Sacramento, it was said at the department. Officers explained that the orders sent to the ships were not of an urgent character and that this probably accounted for their failure to sail before this time.

Commissioners may call on taxpayers relative difference in some valuations

It is probable that a number of taxpayers of Carter county will be called before the county commissioners who convened at the court house on an equalization board this morning, according to Chairman Joe Taylor. The commissioners limited their efforts this morning and during the early part of this afternoon to a scrutiny of the various valuations as rendered by the people.

It was reported that a number of buildings of practically like value were rendered with considerable difference for assessable valuations. It was also pointed out by the committee members that if a large number of properties are rendered far below their actual value, the tax rate must continue to be high in order to get the necessary funds for county government. A high tax rate acts as a deterrent to prospective investors, the commissioners said.

Following their sessions as an equalization board, which probably will last until Wednesday afternoon, the commissioners will convene as a commissioners' court to continue work on the county budget. The estimate for the county's general budget has been reduced so far from \$252,000 to \$203,000, and probably will be reduced still further before being placed before the exccise board, Mr. Taylor said.

Newsboys guests at Liberty Theatre

The Liberty Theatre has on this afternoon a bill that is very pleasing to boys and Manager Bob Short will have as his guests the news boys of the Ardmoreite-Press.

The leading picture is "Bonnie May" and coupled with it is a 2-reel comedy in which Fatty Arbuckle is the leading character.

FIRE DESTROYS 3 BUILDINGS; LOSS IS ESTIMATED \$7,000

Explosion of gasoline is believed to have been the cause of early morning conflagration

Fire of undetermined origin this morning caused damage to the extent of approximately \$7,000 to the building and three firms at 3 East Main street. The itemized loss as estimated by Fire Chief Bailey follows:

Loss to building \$3,500; Raymond Garrett's vulcanizing shop \$500; Mathews & Glass cleaning and pressing house, \$2,500; Steve Nolan's tailor, \$1,000.

The alarm was turned in at 4:25 o'clock directly after an explosion sounded and a sheet of flame burst from the one storied building. Numerous people were awakened from their sleep, it was reported. The explosion sounded as though a cannon had been discharged.

All three fire companies responded, but the fire had gotten a good start before the alarm was turned in. It was the belief of the fire department that a quantity of gasoline had been the origin of the explosion and that all nearby material of an inflammable nature speedily ignited.

When the firemen arrived on the scene the flames were licking up over the front of the one storied building and threatened to ignite the two adjacent buildings in which are located the Ward Motor Company and the Palace Barber Shop. However, efforts of the firemen prevented any loss either by fire or water to these places.

The entire inside of the east part of the damaged building was burned out. Less damage was caused to the west side of the building which was occupied by Garrett's vulcanizing shop, although the entire front was burnt out.

The building probably will have to be torn down and a new one erected. It is at present tied up in litigation, according to information obtained by Chief Bailey, Earl P. Gray of Porter and Gray, attorneys, claims some share of it. Mr. Gray was out of the city this morning. It is believed that the building was partly covered by insurance.

Mathews and Glass had their property covered to the extent of \$2,500; and Steve Nolan to the extent of \$1,000, which were the estimated losses they sustained.

GROWERS TO BEGIN SOON ON SHIPMENT MELONS AND PEACHES

Peaches in large quantities from Carter county farms will be on the market here within a few days, it was announced this morning by Martin Turner, salesman for the Carter County Truck Growers' Association. It is expected a large crop of this fruit will be harvested from the farms in this vicinity, Mr. Turner said.

The aggregate shipments from Carter county alone will be approximately 50 car loads, he said. There are about 35 acres of peaches on the farm of Walter Colbert alone.

Peaches harvested by the members of the Carter County Truck Growers' Association will be sold on the local markets here so long as it is advantageous. But when the market here is supplied, the commodity will be shipped in car load lots under the direction of Mr. Turner to markets in the north and east.

Watermelons and cantaloupe will be the next Carter County fruit to be sold on the local market. According to Mr. Turner, these ought to be supplied here within a week. An unusually large harvest in watermelons will be shipped out of the county this season, he said.

WEATHER

Oklahoma—Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy, probably local showers.

PRINCE FREELING PROSECUTES TULSA CHIEF OF POLICE

SUSPENDED CHIEF OF TULSA POLICE GOES TO TRIAL ON INDICTMENT OF RACE RIOT GRAND JURY

Tulsa, Okla., July 11.—John A. Gustafson, suspended chief of police of Tulsa, went to trial in Judge Redmond S. Cole's division of district court this morning on five accusations returned against him by the recent race riot grand jury.

S. Prince Freeling, attorney general, Katherine Van Leuven of the attorney general's office, and John Goldsberry, assistant county attorney, all of whom were active in the grand jury investigation, are representing the state in the trial.

A surprise was sprung when it was announced that Gustafson would stand trial alone. It generally was understood that Bay Ward and Roy Meacham, police officers, also under grand jury accusations, would go to trial with their suspended chief. Their trial will follow at the conclusion of Gustafson's. Considerable time was expected to be taken in the selection of a jury.

LATEST

Washington, July 11.—William Howard Taft was sworn in today as chief justice of the United States.

Chicago, Ill., July 11.—More than a thousand members are here for the annual convention of the national real estate association which convenes tomorrow and which is expected to attract seven thousand realtors.

Pittsburgh, Kansas, July 11.—Practically all of the miners of the Kansas district were back at work today, it was reported at the headquarters of the operators' association here. The miners were idle, except at a few mines, last week, following the trial of Alexander Howat and August Dorchy, union officials, at Columbus.

Topeka, Kan., July 11.—Niles Ross, 38, an oil well shooter, at Paoli, Kan., and his wife, 33, are dead and four persons are in local hospitals suffering from injuries, as a result of a collision of two automobiles 14 miles south of Topeka late yesterday afternoon. Ross' car contained six cases of dynamite and 1,000 pounds of nitroglycerine and a supply of ignition caps, but they did not explode. Mrs. Ross formerly was Miss Ida Nelson of Bartlesville, Okla. The four injured probably will recover.

Wausau, Wis., July 11.—Four persons, three of them brothers, were drowned when crossing the Eau Claire river in the town of Bergen, according to word received here today. The others in the party of nine which tried to cross the river narrowly escaped drowning. The bodies were recovered late yesterday after searching parties used grappling hooks and poles.

Oklahoma City, July 11.—William "Crley" Mostenbacher, arrested yesterday in Shawnee in connection with (Continued on Page Two)

BULLETIN

Terlton, Okla., July 11.—Two masked men forced officials and employees of the First State Bank of Terlton into a vault at 11 o'clock this morning at the point of pistols and then walked out of the bank with \$800 in cash taken from the drawers in the cashier's cage. The robbery was not discovered for some time, the imprisoned officers and employees being unable to give the alarm. Pawnee county authorities are leading a posse searching for the robbers.

SOLDIER BONUS GERMAN PRESS IS LEGISLATION IS TO BITTER BE DECIDED SOON KNOX RESOLUTION

Joint Session is Probable President Harding May Deliver His Message in Person

MAY BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER DATE

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS BELIEVE POSTPONEMENT ADVISABLE UNTIL NATION'S FINANCES CLEAR

Washington, July 11.—White House officers indicated today that President Harding probably would deliver in person his special message to congress regarding bonus legislation. Under this program, the senate and house would hold a joint session to receive the message, which probably will be presented within a day or two.

Mr. Harding returned to the White House today from a week-end cruise down the Potomac to Chesapeake Bay and continued work on his message, which he is understood to have started during his trip.

The fate of soldier bonus legislation—at least for months to come and perhaps so far as the sixty-seventh congress is concerned—will be decided by action to be taken this week in the senate.

The bill reported by the senate finance committee embodying five elective compensation plans again will be before the senate today. Leaders are agreed that no action shall be taken until after receipt of a special message, which it has been announced President Harding will send to congress early in the week. It is generally believed by congressional leaders that the president will advise a postponement of action on bonus legislation until the situation with respect to the nation's finances can be cleared.

The Boersen Courier predicts that the peculiar attitude of the United States among the belligerents, resulting from its attitude toward the Versailles treaty, while at the same time claiming legal rights because of participation in the war, will call for complicated negotiations between the United States and Germany direct in connection with the final treaty.

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A remarkable funeral was held at Wheelock (Texas) on Tuesday of this week. It was that of Uncle Mike Hinton, a colored man of the type now fast passing into history, the old time Southern darkey.

The old man claimed to be 116 years old. He did not know the exact date of his birth, but surviving members of his former owner's family estimate his age anywhere from 110 to 116. He was born in Bertie county, North Carolina. He emigrated with the James Pugh family from North Carolina to Tennessee, and thence to Mississippi. On the marriage in 1835 of James A. Pugh, son of James Pugh, Mike and his sister, Nancy, were presented as a wedding gift to the young couple. Mike and his young master were about the same age and grew up as boys together, and Mike continued from that date to follow the fortunes of his young master from Mississippi to Louisiana and Texas, as the faithful and trusted body servant of Major James A. Pugh, until by Lincoln's proclamation he with other Pugh negroes, were set free at Wheelock in Robertson county, where the old man lived continuously to the day of his death.

The remarkable feature of his funeral was the tribute of love and respect paid him by the white people of Wheelock. The services at the grave were conducted by the white pastor of the Methodist church at Wheelock, Rev. F. O. Favre, assisted by the colored preacher of the community. The pall-bearers on one side of the bier were colored men; on the other side prominent white men of Wheelock, and the grave was filled by his white and colored friends working side by side.

Touching tributes to his character as a man, noted for his piety, his stately and courteous bearing, his unimpeachable honesty and loyalty to his old master's family and his white friends at Wheelock, were uttered at his grave by Dr. F. R. Colcord, who had known him as his physician and friend, for more than fifty years, and by Dr. Thos. J. Pugh of Hearse, one of the surviving children of Major James A. Pugh. At the close of the service, his grave was covered with flowers by the good white and colored women of Wheelock who had known and loved Uncle Mike from their early childhood. His good life, his high sense of honor, his truthfulness and honesty and trustworthiness has been a constant inspiration to white and black at Wheelock during his long residence there.

Dr. and Mrs. Pugh attended the funeral from Hearse. Mr. Pugh is a son of Major James A. Pugh. He speaks in the highest terms of "Uncle" Mike Hinton.

LOCAL ROTARIANS MEET GAINESVILLE THIS WEDNESDAY

Rotary will not meet in the usual place Wednesday at noon, said President John R. Dexter today, but instead the members with their wives, daughters, sweethearts and other guests will leave here for Gainesville. Some will motor and others will leave on the 12:15 southbound Santa Fe and returning will arrive back home at a little after midnight.

The occasion will be the deciding game of ball between Ardmore Rotary and Denton Rotary. These teams have played two games, one in Denton in which Ardmore won, one in Ardmore at which Denton won and now the real big game of the series is to be played on neutral ground and Gainesville has been chosen as the battle ground.

Gainesville Rotarians have sent an urgent request for the Ardmore club to come and bring their families. They ask that Ardmore Rotary come with bathing suits, with a big appetite and with the expectation of having a good time.

From Denton there is to be an attendance of 80 and it is necessary that President Dexter report in advance how many Rotarians will go.

President and Party Reach Home Washington, July 11.—The presidential yacht Mayflower reached her dock at the navy yard soon after 5 o'clock today, bringing President and Mrs. Harding and their guests back from a week end cruise in Chesapeake Bay. Mr. Harding planned to return to the White House after breakfast aboard the yacht.

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OFFERS NO RAY OF HOPE TO GERMANY

"GERMANY ONCE FOR ALL SHOULD DISABUSE MIND THAT HELP IS COMING FROM ABROAD"

Berlin, July 10.—No economic benefits offered by the United States could be sufficiently attractive to induce Germany voluntarily to affix for the second time her signature to "the graceful peace of Versailles, with all its humiliations, privations and confession of German guilt," says the industrialist and conservative organ Der Tag, commenting on the Porter-Knox resolution ending the state of war between the United States and Germany, the text of which has just been made known here. The conditions contained in the resolution, adds the newspaper should effectively dispel the notions still harbored in some German minds to the effect that the oldest democracy of western civilization through its new administration would afford Germany a ray of hope.

"The resolution does not reveal even the faintest trace of shame or spirit of reconciliation," says Der Tag. "On the contrary, it is an expression of crass egotism."

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WHITE AND BLACK JOIN IN PAYING A TRIBUTE TO AN OLD SOUTHERN NEGRO

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