

SPAIN'S ATTITUDE ON COUNCIL SEAT PUZZLES LEAGUE

Resignation Note Probably Awaits Decision of Geneva Powers

(By The Associated Press) Geneva, Sept. 8.—League officials continued tonight to display interest in the report that Spain's note of resignation from the league exists, even if it has not reached the league. M. Palacios, head of the Spanish delegation, always has insisted at the council reorganization deliberations that Spain desired definite action on her request for a permanent seat, and he gave the impression that Spanish attitude could be announced only when all hope was definitely lost.

As the league assembly still must discuss the details of the council reorganization scheme, including the question of re-eligibility, it is realized here that Spain would be logical in official resigning her seat before the assembly debate had terminated.

Spain's attitude toward the league continues to puzzle everybody in Geneva. It was declared tonight anew that no communication either announcing Spain's resignation or a policy of aloofness had been received from Primo de Rivera's government. The general opinion existing among league officials is that Spain probably will await final action of the assembly concerning the election of the council and the election of semi-permanent members, and that then, when it becomes officially clear that all hopes for a permanent seat must be abandoned, Spain might send a communication announcing her policy.

Probably European statesmen will continue their diplomatic efforts to induce Primo de Rivera and King Alfonso to stick by the league. But it is admitted that the uncertainty of the situation in Spain makes any prediction exceedingly hazardous.

'STATE OF WAR' ORDER RECORDED IN SPAIN

Madrid, Sept. 8.—Spain is again a kingdom today to dictatorship. A royal decree today annulled the "state of war" decreed by General Primo de Rivera last Sunday when the Spanish artillery corps rebelled openly against the regulations providing for a new elective system of promotion.

The government asserts that all artillerymen, chiefs of staff and soldiers have abandoned resistance, and that all military establishments, barracks, parks and repair shops are in the hands of forces which remained loyal to the government.

The supreme council of war and marine, under whose jurisdiction come all cases of military justice and who will try those responsible for the conflict, is still engaged in collecting evidence and assembling other data bearing upon the revolt.

King Alfonso planned to return to San Sebastian, his summer residence, today. The monarch is credited with having brought about a peaceful settlement between the artillery which is loyal to the throne and the government.

BANK BOMBER HELD SUICIDE

Pittsburgh, Sept. 8.—A coroner's jury decided today that William C. Wick, Wisconsin ex-convict, committed suicide when he exploded a bomb in the Farmers' Deposit Savings Bank August 25 after his demand for \$2000 was refused. A verdict of murder was returned in the case of George C. Ortmann, a bank policeman, who was also killed in the blast.

EXTRADITION IS DENIED

Chicago, Sept. 8.—An effort to extradite Paul Venziano, to Omaha to stand trial for the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blackwood, failed when Judge Emanuel Ellen ruled in criminal court that Omaha authorities had insufficient evidence to warrant extradition.

Tiny Airplane Makes Nearly 40 Miles to Gallon

(By The Associated Press) Munich, Bavaria, Sept. 8.—A new lightweight monoplane for two passengers and having a twelve-horsepower motor has arrived here from Stuttgart. The 125 miles were made in only two hours. The machine used only four gallons of gas. The trip is claimed to be a record for small planes.

APPREHENSION FELT BY LEAGUE ON COST

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tain to diminish the solidarity of the council. In four years the council has increased from ten to fourteen. The equilibrium which should exist between the council and the assembly has been broken.

Nations, including no words, expressed gravest misgivings over the "serious departure from the proper constitutional methods of the league," and added that "we were forced to vote for a matter we disapproved in principle and to oppose a question we approved."

Logren similarly argued that the granting of a permanent seat to Germany had no connection with the creation of dual non-permanent seats, pointing out that most of the members of the league were forced to vote without having had opportunity to consider the question which fifteen countries on the reorganization committee had had to advise.

Speaking first in English then in French, the Maharajah of Kapourthala related India's progress in the social and hygienic fields. He assured the delegates that India's 200,000,000 inhabitants were represented at Geneva by a delegation ready and eager to do its share in the betterment of the world.

COLOMBIAN SPEAKS In behalf of Latin America, Francisco Urrutia, Colombia, voiced the hope that Spain and Brazil would return actively to the league and preserve the league's character of universality.

No what Germany's advent into the league is secured, statesmen are concentrating their attention on the question of the Reich's probable political activities and the delegates venture the hope that Germany will not act brusquely, but will feel her way gradually toward a solution of outstanding problems, such as the restoration of her colonies and the evacuation of German soil.

ARMS TO COME UP Apparently the Allied council of ambassadors hesitates to turn over the German arms and munitions to the League of Nations until definitely convinced that Germany has lived up to all the provisions of the treaty of Versailles. Yet it is believed that it will be a question of time when this problem will reach the league.

MAKES LOCARNO TREATY EFFECTIVE

Election of Germany to league membership automatically brings into force the treaty of mutual guarantees signed at Locarno last October by representatives of Great Britain, France, Italy, Belgium and Germany.

The Locarno treaty binds the contracting parties to the territorial status quo as regards the frontiers between Germany and Belgium and between Germany and France as fixed by the Versailles peace treaty. It also stipulates that disputes between these countries which it may not be possible to settle by normal methods of diplomacy shall be submitted to judicial decision or to a conciliation commission. Failure of the latter to settle the question would bring their submission to the council of the league.

GERMANY SENDS FOREIGN OFFICIALS

Berlin, Sept. 8.—The German delegation to the League of Nations assembly, which is leaving for Geneva tonight, consists of Foreign Minister Stresemann; Herr von Schubert, under-secretary; and Dr. Friedrich Gaus, ministerial director of the foreign office, with a number of advisers.

INDIA ASKS HOME RULE

Geneva, Sept. 8.—An incident at the league's session today that compels international attention was India's statement of ambition to become a self-governing power like Canada or Australia.

FOUR SENTENCED IN TRAFFIC COURT

Four traffic law violators were sentenced yesterday by Recorder Goff in traffic court, and six granted affidavits.

Those fined were: Maurice Hunt, 1015 Polk avenue, charged with speeding thirty-five miles an hour, having but one license plate and no rear light; \$10 or thirty days; Charles Weaver, 741 Carondelet street, driving no operator license and no license plate; \$25 or thirty days; Louis Pickett, 2302 Leclerc street, reckless driving and having no chauffeur license; \$10 or thirty days; and Edward Chase, 1243 Tchoupchoula street, reckless driving and causing damage; \$10 or thirty days.

Affidavits were granted to Mrs. Althea Spencer, 8517 Oak street, charged with reckless driving and causing damage; Combs Craig, 3120 Tulane avenue, reckless driving, causing damage, having improper brakes and no heavy license; John S. Mettelstedt, 215 North Alexander street, speeding; Harry Sempre, 601 North Carroll on avenue, speeding; and Clarence Stewart, 512 North Claiborne avenue, speeding and having no chauffeur license.

FONCK PLANE CHRISTENED

Roosevelt Field, N. Y., Sept. 8.—The Sikorsky biplane in which Captain Rene Fonck and Lieutenant Allan Spody soon are to attempt a nonstop transatlantic flight, was christened the New York-Paris today by Mayor Walker with a bottle of mineral water.

Tomorrow if the weather is favorable the pilots will fly the plane to Washington on the longest test flight it has so far made. Philadelphia and Baltimore will be circled.

Hails Protege as Another Caruso



The above photo shows Tito Schipa, Chicago Opera Company's tenor (right), and his protege, Casale Nicola, who Schipa predicts will become a second Caruso. Maestro Meel chirps Casale—and he seems to have hefty lungs. He arrived with Schipa on the Mauretania on Sept. 3. Schipa is going to school the boy himself.

BRITAIN WORRIED AS REDS WIN OVER CHAIN OF NATIONS

Soviets Form Defensive, Possibly Offensive, Ring Around Russia

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Downing Street's latest worry is based on the trouble with Cantanero troops who have fired on British ships in the Yangtze valley, in which the Red hand is seen. As a matter of fact the success of the Canton government is the definite achievement of the Soviet emissary at Canton and is due to the enormous supplies of munitions given under the direction of the Red ambassador Karakhan.

The main disturbing factor for Great Britain is the rapid strides being made by the Red movement in Southern and Western China. In Tibet the Russian emissaries sent Mr. Florida, head of the Bolshevik propaganda work in South China, who has succeeded in forming an "association for the advancement of civilization in Tibet."

TIBET WON OVER

They have convinced the Dalai Lama and great school of Lamas which rules Tibet, that the only way to preserve liberty against the British consists in forming a link with the other movements in China and combining against the European attempt to gain supremacy in the East. It now divulged that the influence of the Soviet emissaries caused the pro-British Tibetan commanding chief, Tserong Schepa, to retire to a monastery where he died due to overwork.

Tibetan associations have been formed in the eastern provinces with the aim of increasing the fighting strength to show the rest of China they will combine for the struggle against the "imperialists."

AFGHANISTAN AFFECTED

The Amir of Afghanistan issued a neutrality proclamation with Russia having first secured disputed land bordering on the River Oxus. The British tried their utmost to prevent the treaty being consummated but were defeated by Soviet diplomacy.

Great Britain has succeeded so far in keeping the Russian rule, Rukhsa Khan Pahlavi on its side, but the Soviets have not lost hope for upsetting Rukhsa's rule or winning him over by means of bribery. The Sultan Ibn Saud of the Arabian peninsula is in touch with the Red emissaries.

INFLUENCE FELT IN BALKANS

In the Balkans the new Greek ambassador has assured the Turkish ambassador that he will continue the negotiations previously carried on for a Balkan pact for the Balkan states.

REVENGE BLAMED AS MAN CROSSES COUNTRY TO KILL

Mexico City Resident Slays Maine Inhabitant He Says Betrayed Him

(By The Associated Press) Portland, Me., Sept. 8.—Benjamin Turner, 35 years old, an accountant of Mexico City, Mexico, is under arrest here, held for slaying James D. Hallen, 64, at his home at Falmouth Foreside, a suburb today.

Turner, the first American to face trial on a murder charge in Mexico, killed Hallen as an outgrowth of a slaying which attracted international attention six years ago, according to his story.

Turner was acquitted in March, 1923, and since that time he and detectives in his employ have trailed Hallen, who, the Californian alleges, took \$1200 from him as attorney's fee in the Mexican case and then came to the United States. Turner spent two years in prison. It was the memory of those two years that guided the hand which took Hallen's life today, the prisoner declared.

His first victim was a Mexican, Ramon Argelles, whom the Mexican accused of swindling him. Turner shot him dead in a hotel after the man taunted him, newspaper accounts disclose. The admitted slayer will be arraigned tomorrow. The grand jury, now sitting, will consider the evidence at once.

According to the records of the detectives found in Turner's possession, Hallen had a varied career on two continents, including two prison sentences, one of eight years in Sing Sing.

DEMOCRATS CENTER FORCES

Kansas Group Will Fight for Election of Governor Davis

(By The Associated Press) Atchison, Kan., Sept. 8.—Representative D. R. Anthony, Republican, First Congressional District, will not be opposed for re-election by a Democratic candidate, the district Democratic committee has announced.

At a meeting last night, the committee declared the paramount object of the party was to elect former Governor Jonathan M. Davis and that a congressional race would injure Davis' candidacy.

BRITAIN SENDS BIG BOAT TO AVENGE DEATHS IN CHINA

Diplomatic Quarters Angry and Determined to Punish Troops' Leader

(By JOHN L. BALDERSTON (The Times-Picayune Foreign Service)) London, Sept. 8.—Fighting in the River Yangtze seems certain to result in British taking a stronger line in Chinese affairs. This is evidenced by the ordering of the flagship of the China station, the cruiser Hawkins, carrying seven 7.5-inch guns, to proceed up the Yangtze 1200 miles from the coast, to Hankow, which has been captured by the southeast army from Canton. The king's son, Prince George, who is an officer on the Hawkins, will not go on the voyage.

Frating, which led to the death of three British officers and four men, occurred when officers of boats led boarding parties on board two British ships which had been seized by General Yang Sen at Fanchien, on the Yangtze above Hankow, and released British prisoners.

The boarding was carried out in face of odds of twenty to one, for the nearby shore was lined with Chinese soldiers, according to admiralty reports.

Silence is maintained in diplomatic quarters. This silence covers a mixture of anger and determination to protect the interests of the great powers in China is held to hamstring British policy and make for more chaos and disorder; since, in the British view, unless the white nations hang together in China, the Chinese may soon make a general onslaught on foreign interests.

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ITALIAN SEAPLANES IN SCHNEIDER RACE

(Special to The Times-Picayune) Washington, Sept. 8.—The three Italian seaplanes entered for the Schneider Cup race, to be flown at Hampton Roads, Va., October 24, have a computed speed of 245 miles an hour, according to latest advice reaching the navy department.

Little has been published about the Italian entries. So far as now known, all three of them are of the monoplane type, with twin pontoons. Two of them will be powered with Fiat motors and the third driven by a Napier-Lion engine.

The three American entries are the same planes used by the army and navy last year in the Pulitzer trophy race and later converted into seaplanes by adding pontoons. On the triangular course of the Schneider race last year, Lieutenant James E. Doolittle of the Army Air Corps maintained an average speed of 222.5 miles an hour easily winning the event. His plane was capable of much greater speed on a straightaway flight.

AVIATOR IS OVERDUE; RANGOON IS ANXIOUS

(By The Associated Press) Rangoon, Burma, Sept. 8.—Anxiety is felt here over the non-arrival of Alan J. Cobham who is on his return flight to England from Australia. The aviator left Penang at six o'clock this morning and was due here at 6 o'clock this afternoon. When he had not appeared three hours later the officials feared he had been forced to land somewhere along the coast and was unable to communicate. All steamers between here and Penang have been ordered by wireless to keep a sharp lookout.

PROTECTS NEW DOCKS

(By The Associated Press) Lake Charles, La., Sept. 8.—Contracts for fire protection facilities and waterworks system for the new docks and warehouses totaling \$175,000, including an artesian well, steel tank and fire hose were awarded late yesterday by the Lake Charles harbor and terminal commission.

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