

SEE SLIGHT HOPES OF SETTling RUHR ISSUES

BALDWIN AND CURZON GREATLY DISAPPOINTED WITH REPLIES TO NOTE

French and Belgian Statements of Policy Hold Out Slight Prospects of a Settlement of the Ruhr's Problems—Premier Outlines Efforts Made To Reach Unanimity With Allies On Question.

JOINT ALLIED REPLY SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 2.—Prime Minister Baldwin joined with Lord Curzon, the foreign secretary, in informing parliament today that the replies by France and Belgium to the British reparations note seemed to hold out no prospect of a settlement of the Ruhr situation in the near future nor the opening of a discussion regarding reparation.

Great Britain had submitted to the other allies the draft of a joint allied reply to the last German reparations communication and Great Britain had attached very great importance to the despatch of such a reply, the premier said. Neither France nor Belgium, however, had mentioned this reply in their answer to the British communication and Great Britain, to the regret of her government, was unable to find in these responses sufficient material for the despatch of a joint allied reply to Germany.

The prime minister, in the House of Commons, and Lord Curzon, in the House of Lords, began their identical addresses by reciting the history of the recent negotiations. They then broke new ground in this manner:

Reviews Negotiations.
"The government drew up a draft reply which they forwarded on July 26, with a covering note to the allied governments.

"In this draft reply the British government dealt with the various proposals contained in the German memorandum, and they expressed the opinion that while nothing should be done which was inconsistent with the stipulation of the treaty of Versailles, advantage would be derived by an examination of impartial experts, in co-operation with the reparations commission, into Germany's capacity to pay.

"As regards the guarantees offered by the German government, the British government went on to point out in the draft reply that the economic value of any such guarantees must largely depend on factors of which the German government in its memorandum had made no mention, such as stabilizing the mark and balancing the German budget, and that no guarantee could be effective unless provision were made for some form of international control over the German financial administration.

Mr. Baldwin, making his eagerly-awaited statement in the House of Commons, said that the British government had expressed the opinion that while nothing should be done which was inconsistent with the stipulations of the treaty of Versailles, advantage would be derived if impartial experts, co-operating with the reparations commission, should examine Germany's capacity to pay.

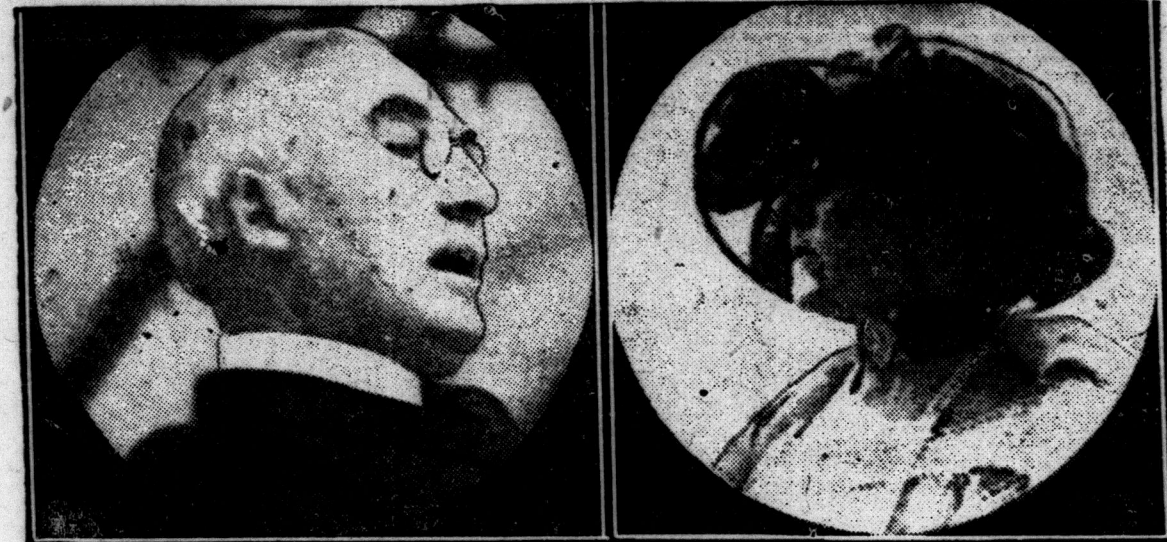
The reply also pointed out, Mr. Baldwin said, that the economic value of such a step must largely depend upon factors of which the German government in its memorandum had made no mention, such as stabilizing the mark and balancing the budget, and that no guarantee could be effective unless provision were made for some form of international control over the German financial administration.

Advised Withdrawing Decree.
"The reply ended," continued the prime minister, "by advising the German government that if it desired a resumption of the inquiry, to withdraw without further delay the decree which ordered the organization and fomented the policy of passive resistance, and to unequivocally disavow the violence and sabotage which in some cases had accompanied it.

"The reply expressed the belief that all members of the reception committee of the Old Boys' Association last night this plan was hit upon as more effective than any definite organization. All members expressed their willingness to devote as much of their time as possible to this work and, with this assurance from everyone concerned, it is felt that there will be no lack of effective welcome for the thousands of ex-Londoners who are expected to reach the city.

A large representation from the reception committee is particularly needed on the job with the "glacé hands" and all necessary information on Sunday at noon. The Detroit delegation, which will form possibly the largest visiting body from any one city, have announced that they will arrive in London at that time. The Detroiters will be accompanied by a band and their arrival will be termed something of an event, as there will doubtless be crowds of Londoners, as well as a representative of the reception committee, at the station to meet them.

BICYCLE STOLEN.
J. Graham, 223 Burwell street, has reported to the police that his bicycle, which had been stored in a garage on Horton street, had been stolen. The number of the wheel is 75432.



AMERICAN PRESIDENT ON CANADIAN SOIL.
Warren G. Harding, president of the United States, and Mrs. Harding photographed during their visit to Vancouver a few days before the illness.

DOCTORS DECLARE HARDING IN NEED OF ABSOLUTE REST

Brigadier - General Sawyer States Convalescence Will Require Time.

CALL FOR PRAYERS

Federated Council of Protestant Churches Asks Divine Aid in Recovery.

Canadian Press Despatch.

San Francisco, Aug. 2.—Time seemed today to be the chief element in the recovery of President Harding. It also was regarded by his physicians as one of the most uncertain.

"The president's convalescence is going to take time," said Brigadier-General Sawyer, his physician.

One thing was certain and that was that the president was making progress toward recovery at the beginning of the day. He obtained considerable sleep during the night, and just before he dropped off to sleep General Sawyer "took stock," as he phrased it, and found all indications favorable.

HAS RESTFUL NIGHT.

By LAWRENCE MARTIN.

United Press Correspondent with President Harding's Party.

Palace Hotel, San Francisco, Aug. 2.—President Harding, fighting his way back to health, is being aided by a night of sound sleep, according to those on watch at his chamber at 4 a.m. At that time there had been no activity in the presidential suite for five hours. Secret service men in the corridor reported that there had been no coughing in Mr. Harding's room and it is believed he is resting easily, as he did last night.

PRAY FOR RECOVERY.

Special to The Advertiser.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Federated Council of Churches, composed of representatives of the various denominations, with a membership of more than 20,000,000 persons, today issued a call for prayers throughout the country for the recovery of President Harding.

PLANS TO REORGANIZE ONTARIO TREASURY

Premier Ferguson Announces Financial Controller To Be Appointed.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Aug. 2.—In addition to the appointment of a financial controller, there will be a reorganization of the treasury department, Premier Ferguson intimated this morning.

The department had so grown and there were so many different features, and branches that a system of co-ordination was advisable. The new controller would not just be a bond expert, but his activities would embrace every branch of the department, and he would act in an advisory capacity to the treasurer.

HOLD GARDEN PARTY TODAY IN ST. MARY'S GROUNDS

St. Mary's Parish grounds will be the scene of a happy garden fete this afternoon and evening, when gayly decorated booths will be a feature.

Miss M. Powell will be convener of the parish booth, Mrs. J. Larkin and Mrs. B. McCormick of the home cooking booth, the Girls' Sodality of the ice cream booth, and the Holy Name Men of the soft drinks. A band will be in attendance during the afternoon and night.

London Railwaymen Expect To Meet Many Old Friends

Some of the Old-Timers in Railway Service Who May Return For Old Home Week.

Members of the Canadian National staff who have been with the road since the days of the Great Western are looking forward to Old Boys' Week with the hope that many of their old friends and acquaintances will return to London at that time.

Jack Gillean, London's veteran station master, Police Captain "Bob" Logan, and News Agent Tom Pinch constitute a self-appointed reception committee who will more than "do the honors" in welcoming London's Old Timers who have served on London's railways in the past.

The older members around the C. N. R. depot are expecting a host of Great Western and Grand Trunk veteran trainmen to return for Old Boys' Week, and it is expected that many a yarn will be retold by London's rail veterans of the real old days when trains were hitched up with the old "link and pin" couplers. Those were the days! The train crews of today know nothing of the thrills and dangers which the older hands experienced in standing between the cars waiting the proper moment to drop the pin. Common dangers and the hardships of pioneer railroading are the ties which cement the friendship of the veteran railway men, and their reunion will be a reunion in the true sense of the word. The older hands at the station seem to have a feeling that many

of their former comrades will return to London next week, and the following is a list of the few who will not surprise the local wise men if they roll in on the first stage of the homecoming Old Boys: William Farrell, general manager Algoma Eastern, Sudbury; Bill White and Jimmy Miller, one-time dispatchers on the Great Western; Joe "Gassy" Thompson, Edmonton; Jack Portune, freight conductor, Great Western; Tommy Brophy, brakeman and conductor on the G. W. for over 20 years; Jack Wheatcroft, a veteran baggage man of the Great Western days; J. C. Crombie, one-time master of trains at London; Ed. Harwood, assistant general superintendent of transportation, Toronto; G. S. Cramp, now chief dispatcher at Hamilton; J. Benjafield, chief dispatcher for the Pere Marquette at St. Thomas; and F. A. Rutherford, former train master at London, now serving in a like capacity in Toronto.

These are only a few of the old-timers who are looked for when the crowd really starts to arrive. There will be others, and Messrs. Gillean, Logan, Pinch and the other veterans who have served in London through three regimes on the one road, are looking forward to a real "gabfest" when their old cronies reach this city.

TAXES PAID AUGUST 1 WILL REACH \$200,000

City Treasurer Satisfied With Manner in Which Second Installment Was Met.

City Treasurer Bell reports that, as usual, Londoners are coming well to the front with their taxes.

The second installment, due August 1, has been received, he states, and, while definite figures will not be available for a day or two, probably \$200,000 at least has been received.

Londoners have always taken the lead in this respect and there are probably fewer delinquents here than in any other municipality in the province.

GERMAN MINERS KILLED IN CONFLICT WITH POLICE

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Aug. 2.—Two striking miners were killed and seven injured at Oberhausen today in a collision between a band of strikers and the police, according to advices received here. The casualties occurred when the police fired on the demonstrators.

BRITAIN'S YACHT TEAM AGAIN VICTORS OVER U. S.

Associated Press Despatch.
Southsea, England, Aug. 2.—The British team of six-metre yachts gained a sweeping victory over the United States team again today, all four of the Britishers crossing the finish line ahead of the United States boats. The British gained 26 points to 10 for the United States team.

SEVEN DULUTH BOAT CLUB CREWS REACH BALTIMORE

Associated Press Despatch.
Baltimore, Md., Aug. 2.—Seven crews of the Duluth Boat Club, comprising 30 men, reached Baltimore yesterday, the first arrivals for the regatta here tomorrow and Saturday, during which twelve championships will be decided. They were followed by many individual contestants and smaller groups from Canada, Buffalo, Boston, and Washington.

PREMIER SMUTS ILL.

Associated Press Despatch.
Cape Town, South Africa, Aug. 2.—Premier Smuts of the South African Union is ill, although his indisposition is not serious. He has been advised by his physician to take a rest.

VISITORS POUR INTO CITY FOR OLD HOME WEEK

Registrations Already Show the Arrival of Many Former Londoners.

A FLORIDA GUEST

W. C. Norsworthy, One of First to Come, Has Not Been Home For 57 Years.

Old "girls" are vying with old boys for the reunion attendance laurels. To date the number of women registering at Old Boys' headquarters is running neck and neck with the men, a condition unprecedented in the history of the London Old Boys' Association.

Former Londoners are pouring into the city from all parts of the world, as indicated by the list of names filed at the registration booth yesterday and today. It is estimated only one in six persons who have come to the city for the occasion has made his presence known to officials, but to-morrow and during the festival all visitors will be asked to register.

Among the guests arriving yesterday was W. G. Norsworthy of McIntosh, Florida. Mr. Norsworthy entered registration headquarters by mistake, thinking it was the postoffice. He had not been here for 57 years. He is 74 years old and a veteran of the Penial Raid of 1866. London, he declared, had changed to such an extent that he could hardly recognize it.

Mr. Norsworthy was anxious to know the whereabouts of "Tom" Essery, whom he knew in boyhood days. Mr. Essery was a sergeant in the 7th Regiment in the old days, when Mr. Norsworthy was a private. A group from California arrived Wednesday, and another from Cleveland came today. Delegations from Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles and New York have chartered special trains and will come in numbers of anywhere from a dozen to sixty.

As the celebration draws near, the Old Boys' Association is buying it self erecting flags and decorations at registration headquarters. Workmen from the T. Eaton Company of Toronto commenced the dressing of streets with flags, streamers and shields on Tuesday, and their work will not be completed until Friday evening. The Henry Meynell Carnival Company is expected late today from Peterboro. A. T. Taylor and his sports committee are busy marking out the racetrack in front of the grandstand at Queen's Park for the amateur Ontario championships on Saturday.

Among those who registered yesterday are Bruce Cartledge, Montreal; Emily Cartledge, Montreal; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rolland, Steveston, B. C.; Mr. and Mrs. W. Cartledge, Montreal; Miss Helen West, Cleveland; H. A. Maguire, Cleveland; J. D. Porteous, Trinidad, Colorado; W. Ryan, Hamilton, Ont.; Miss E. Spittal, Hamilton; Dorothy Clark, Windsor; Mrs. A. J. Knowles, San Francisco; W. E. Chadwick, Windsor; Wesley Miller, California; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. W. Nett, Sault Ste. Marie; M. G. Black, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Graham, Winnipeg; Geo. Lintz, Detroit; Miss Florence Graham, Detroit; Fred Graham, Detroit; Nitt Morgan, Ottawa; Mrs. M. Fairweather, Hamilton; W. A. Noble, Denver, Colorado; Richard Dealey, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. C. Hovey, Buffalo; John Wheaton, Fort William; M. Wilcox, Hamilton; W. L. Wilcox, Hamilton; Anson Engstrom, Detroit; W. G. Norsworthy, Florida; C. A. Jones, Petrolia; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Fawkes, California; Miss Shirley Fawkes, California; Mrs. D. S. Hamilton, Winnipeg; Master Donald Hamilton, Winnipeg; W. E. Platt, Louisville; Mrs. E. Lawrence, Barry, J. H. Spicer, Colorado; H. E. Osmond, Alberta; Mrs. Margaret Taylor, Saginaw; Marjorie Dealey, Detroit; Mrs. S. Probyn, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pope, Detroit; S. Probyn, Detroit; Harold Probyn, Detroit; Grace Newman, Chatham; Charles Dealey, Detroit; Henry McCowan, Leavenworth, Kansas; and Rev. Dr. Strong of Cleveland, pastor of a Cleveland Baptist Church, who is the guest of his sister, Mrs. H. Cathro, Empress avenue.

CITY LOSS FROM FIRE SMALL DURING JULY

Although the London fire department attended 25 fires in the month of July, the total damage suffered amounted to but \$8,000, and more than half of this was suffered by the Brisco Sporting Goods Store. The second largest fire was at W. O'Loughlin's garage in the rear of the police station last week.

Five false alarms were turned in, while one emergency call was responded to. The department also made two test runs for the Fire Underwriters Association.

CHINESE STAGE RIOT ON BOARD U. S. VESSEL

Bluejackets Quell Soldiers' Fracas at Ichang When Three Americans Hurt.

Associated Press Despatch.
Peking, Aug. 2.—In a fracas aboard the United States steamer Alice Dollar, caused when a crowd of Chinese soldiers, hoarded near Ichang and demanded free transportation, the captain of the ship and three women included the wife and daughter of the Dollar Line agent were injured. A party of United States bluejackets from a gunboat, responding to a call for help, overpowered the rioters and arrested fifteen of them.

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'Welcome Home, Why Not Stay?'

Mayor Wenige has formulated his own slogan for "Old Boys' Week." He doesn't exactly approve of the sort which say, "Welcome Home," following this up with "Good-bye, and Good Luck." His idea of an up-to-date slogan is, "Welcome Home, Why Not Stay?"

"London's as good a town as there is in the country," says the mayor. "There's a whole lot of the Old Boys who might as well stay here and be comfortable, as go anywhere else, and take a chance. I am going to get that slogan up, anyway."

ITALY APPROVES BRITAIN'S VIEWS ON REPARATIONS

Marquis Curzon Declares the Nation in Accord, Although No Written Reply Given.

DEPLORES DELAY

Statesman Sees Little Hope of Settlement on Franco-Belgian Basis.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 2.—Marquis Curzon, the foreign secretary, informed the House of Lords today that Italy had not sent a written reply to the recent British reparations note, but had nevertheless expressed herself as approving in general Great Britain's views and proposals.

Little Prospect of Settlement.

Lord Curzon said that the French and Belgian replies to the British note appeared to hold out no prospect of an early settlement of the situation in the Ruhr nor of a commencement of a discussion on reparations. The British draft reply to Germany was not mentioned in the communications from Paris and Brussels, the foreign secretary added.

He regretted that Great Britain could not find in the French and Belgian responses enough material for sending a joint allied reply to the German note, but he was attached very great importance to the despatch of such a reply.

The foreign secretary asserted that the British note had not too often repeat that, while regarding the interests of its allies as bound up in its own, it holds firmly to the view that the situation now before it cannot be evaded.

While the allies may be occupied in an exchange of views, in a spirit of unabated friendliness on this or that detail, the European situation, carrying with it all the prospects of reparations payment in which all the allies are interested, may sink into irretrievable ruin.

Agree to Publication.

Great Britain, Lord Curzon continued, is inviting the other governments to agree to publication of the notes exchanged on the situation. She hopes that publicity for these papers may assist in determining the problem which the allies are confronted, and that it may convince the world of the imperative necessity of prompt and united action.

Visiting the Grey chambered the foreign secretary's statement as very grave.

WILL USE NEW TRUCKS AS SOON AS INSURED

Fire Chief Says There Will Be No Delay in Employing New Equipment.

The pair of new Ruggles fire trucks are now being used as satisfactory arrangements are completed for their insurance. Chief Aitken announced this morning.

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ALBERTA PARTY WILL BOOST COAL WHILE IN LONDON

London Old Boys' Association in Calgary Will Be Well Represented.

PASS RESOLUTION

Send Greetings to Ed. Smith in Letter Announcing Their Homecoming.

"Moved by Charles O. Smith, and seconded by Dr. W. A. Piper, and unanimously carried, that the members of the London Old Boys' Association, assembled at the annual picnic at Bowness Park, send hearty greetings to the Home Association; also that they wish the home people at London to know that the Calgary-London Old Boys are one with them in spirit in celebrating the Old Home Week, and would greatly like to be with them, and, further, that the Londoners in this western city, by the foothills of the Rockies, look back with constant love to the beautiful city on the Thames, their birthplace and the home of their fathers; and that the secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the secretary of the Old Boys' Association at London."

Alberta coal has been a beacon light to many a harassed Londoner has looked forward to steering that stubborn old boat—his furnace. Arrangements have already been made to ship some of the city. Reminded of this, the Calgary Old Boys, when they reach London next week, are to break into lusty songs to the tune of "Keep the Home Fires Burning." Together with this same cheerful greeting, they are to bring a timely message—"How to Keep the Home Fires Burning With Alberta Coal."

All this is according to a letter which reached Edwin Smith, secretary of the London Old Boys' Association, today, inclosing the resolution printed above from the Calgary Old Boys' Association.

The letter further says: "On the coal question, the Alberta-London Old Boys' Association appreciate the efforts of our Alberta Government and our trade commissioner for his province in helping to bring the attention of the people of Canada to the importance of making every effort to solve the fuel problem within the provinces, and what it will mean in the east and in the west in the future by hundreds of millions of dollars per year. The letter further says: "The association have already registered in the city and will arrange to meet the 'Home Guard' to provide a suitable place for the Home Fires Week to hand out above five thousand circulars, which have been prepared and contain much material of interest to the people of the province of Alberta and its fuel provision generally."

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