

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

ANGLO-SOVIET BREAK OVER RAID EXPECTED; ARCOS SAFES FORCED

Russian Envoy Lodges Protest, Charging Breach of Immunity and Indignity to Women.

PARLIAMENT FIGHT OPENS

Home Secretary Defends Course and Foreign Office Stands by Police Procedure.

BLOW TORCHES AID SEARCH

Keys Refused, Concrete and Steel Vaults Are Drilled in Search for War Office Papers.

Copyright, 1927, by The New York Times Company. By Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES. LONDON, May 13.—Both British and Russian officials expressed the belief tonight that a break in the Anglo-Soviet relations had been brought nearer by the raid of the police last night on the offices of Arcos, Limited, the Russian commercial agency, and the quarters of the Soviet trade delegation. This conclusion was based on the day's developments, which included a statement in the House of Commons by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary, who sought to justify the raid, and a formal note of protest against the raid handed to Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, by A. P. Rosenberg, the Soviet Chargé d'Affaires. Pneumatic Drills Applied to Safes. Meanwhile the police were still in possession of the Arcos offices. Their search continues, though it was hindered this afternoon by the refusal of the Russian delegation to give up the keys to two large safes in their offices. The British authorities, however, considered that there could be no just claim for immunity as, apart from other questions, the safes were in the property of Arcos, Ltd., which is registered as a private company in England. Therefore it was decided, after a final refusal of the Arcos officials, that the safes should be opened forcibly. Both safes are really strongrooms, built of concrete and guarded by thick, heavy steel doors with enormously strong locks and bolts, and the only way of opening them in the absence of the keys was drilling round the locks and thus forcing the doors. Enter Vault at Midnight. During the afternoon arrangements were made with a firm to do the necessary work and about 8 o'clock to-night a powerful pneumatic drilling apparatus was taken to the Arcos House in Margeton Street, a motor truck. A crew of skilled workmen conveyed the tools into the building, went down to the vaults and immediately began operating on one of the strongrooms. The noise of the pneumatic drills as they pierced the steel and concrete could be distinctly heard from the interior of the crowd assembled in Margeton Street. About midnight it was reported that as a result of the half-way stage, with pneumatic drills and oxyacetylene apparatus a hole had been cut in the concrete wall of the vault. The police entered and inspected its contents. It may be necessary to carry on the examination of the strongrooms and documents over the week-end. The inspection is systematic and thorough not only on the Arcos premises but also in the offices of the trade delegation in the same building. Missing War Office Papers Sought. The reason for the raid has been kept a close police secret. It is understood, however, that the search warrant was obtained under the Official Secrets Act and applied for at the special request of the Military Intelligence Department of the War Office. A special search is said to have been made for secret War Office papers which were mysteriously missing, and War Office officials took part in the search of the building. It is said that these papers were lost on Wednesday morning. The news of their disappearance was immediately communicated to the Home Office and later the police acquired information which convinced them that the papers had been obtained by one of the Soviet bodies in London. The diplomatic correspondent of The Daily Telegraph thinks that the clues which prompted the Home Office's action may have been provided by discoveries effected by the French police in their search of the Communist headquarters in Paris. \$10,000,000 Credit Just Arranged. The raid seems to have been made at a peculiarly inauspicious time for British trade. It was stated tonight that a credit scheme involving \$10,000,000 had just been arranged between the Midland Bank and the Soviet trade delegation to assist in placing Russian orders with British manufacturers. The agreement was signed on Wednesday by Eugene Marois, Adalade's father, and by Mr. Khinchuk, the Chairman, and Mr. Boesen, the Vice Chairman of the Russian trade delegation. It will come into effect immediately and it was said that arrangements were being made to place orders to discount Soviet bills up to \$10,000,000 and thus make it possible for British manufacturers to accept Russian orders on a proper business basis. Arcos, Ltd., tonight issued a statement declaring that the concern knew no reason for the police action and that the authorities had always had

Pickwickians Leave London As Club Did 100 Years Ago

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FLOOD PERIL GROWS AS MORE DIKES YIELD

Bayou des Glaizes Breaks Loose Torrent Upon Vast Louisiana Zone.

RICHEST AREA THREATENED

'Sugar Bowl' Is Evacuated, but Loss of \$10,000,000 Is Feared—Acute Suffering to North.

From a Staff Correspondent of The New York Times. NEW ORLEANS, May 13.—The Mississippi flood situation in Louisiana, after a week during which no serious breaks in the levee systems occurred and as a result of which the State had begun to hope that the crisis had passed, is again assuming grave proportions tonight. Hundreds of thousands of acres of cotton, sugar and rice lands are threatened with inundation and the homes of thousands of persons in the southern parishes are in peril from the Tensas basin flood waters which tonight are crashing through two major crevasses in the Bayou des Glaizes line, while other key points in the same system are showing signs of disintegration and may collapse at any time. The breach in the levee at the stands on the banks of the old river about two miles distant from the west bank of the Mississippi, another serious situation has developed and a break there might mean the flooding of the rich parish of Pointe Coupee in the northern tip of which rises the Tortas levee. Reports of still another weak spot coming from Morganza, a little river north, which is the half-way river point along the Pointe Coupee shore line. A break here might spell disaster for a great area to the east of Atchafalaya, a sector until tonight considered fairly safe from the onslaught of the Mississippi. Red and white tents, and other things, are being packed up by the backwaters of the Arkansas, are each surging south with crests at record peaks. Two Breaches Nearing a Junction. The big problem tonight, however, is the Moreauville break in the Bayou des Glaizes line. This was thought to be the strongest point of the chain, yet it crashed while other sectors, the collapse of which has been expected for days past, are still holding. The crevasse a few miles west of the Cottonport break and there will be no surprise if the two gaps have formed a junction before this night has ended. In the meantime the levee at Bordreuil, which is the big break of the Bayou des Glaizes, is said to be slowly moving away and a third crevasse at or near that town is expected in the next few hours. So critical is the situation here that the little army of levee workers who have struggled so valiantly to hold the line in the other places, are being and are now seeking safety in the highlands to which, in most instances, they have been evacuated.

Crown Prince of Italy to Wed Third Cousin, Who Is a Daughter of the Duke of Genoa

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SLAYERS OF SNYDER HEARD DOOM UNMOVED; PUT HOPE IN APPEALS

Gray and Woman Sentenced to Die Week of June 20, but Stay Is Certain.

MERE FORMALITY, SHE SAYS

Still Has Chance to Be Free, Widow Adds—Gray Thanks Those Who Pray for Him.

GO TO SING SING MONDAY

Justice Scudder, Who Personally Opposes Capital Punishment, Pronounces Sentence.

Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder and Henry Judd Gray were sentenced yesterday to die in the electric chair in Sing Sing some time during the week beginning June 20. Supreme Court Justice Townsend Scudder delayed until Monday the transfer of the prisoners to the death house.

Clocks Chiming Czartist Song Sold by Soviet State Trust

MOSCOW, May 13 (AP).—Clocks which chime a Czartist song have been put on the market by the Soviet State Trust of Exact Mechanics. Considerable surprise was caused by the selection when the musical alarm clocks were placed on the market. Instead of the "Internationale," the clocks are equipped to play an extract from Glinka's opera, "Life for the Czar," which once was sung to the following words: Hall, hail to our Russian Czar, The Czar whom Heaven gave us!

ODD LOT EXCHANGE RAIDED AS BUCKETER

State and Federal Officials Act to Protect Southern Cotton Speculators.

ROUNTREE CALLED BACKER

Concern Not Incorporated and Has Five Members—Gets Outside Quotations.

With a force of twelve men, Deputy State Attorney General Keyes Winter raided yesterday the offices of the New York Odd Lot Cotton Exchange, 111 Broad Street, seized books and records, served and issued nine subpoenas, and then held a preliminary examination, under oath, of some of the persons found in the office by the raiding party. The procedure was under the Martin Anti-Stock Fraud act, the charge being that the Exchange was merely a bucketeer and that it was victimizing Southern buyers of future cotton.

PRISONERS WAIT IN CORRIDOR

The guards who took Mrs. Snyder before Justice Scudder halted her in the corridor just outside the courtroom door at 10 A. M. The stop was to permit the Judge to ascend the bench. Further down the corridor Gray rested.

ANOTHER CHARGE DISMISSED

Rountree was accused in 1924 of having participated in the swindling of a woman, but this charge was dismissed for lack of evidence. In the same year he was charged with swindling a man and was arrested and released in \$5,000 bail. Newspaper records do not show that he ever was tried. None of the authorities or attorneys connected with the case could be reached last night.

ONLY FIVE MEMBERS

According to testimony, the exchange was made up of just four commission house members and one trading member in the person of Gorman, the Secretary, who admitted that one of the members was "bid off on one side bids" and to take the "opposite side" of transactions. In this way, Mr. Winter stated, the members received "confirmations" of sales.

INVESTIGATOR MAKES \$28

It was brought out that William J. Baier, an investigator for Mr. Winter's Securities Bureau, had actually made \$28 by opening an account with the exchange through Malon. The market went up and Baier demanded his profits. Later, he opened another account with the exchange, and the money was sold out without his authority.

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Widow Adds—Gray Thanks Those Who Pray for Him.

NANKING APPEALS FOR NEGOTIATIONS NOW ON TREATIES

Dr. Wu, New Foreign Minister, Asks Powers to Act at Once for Harmonious Relations.

HE PLEDGES SAFETY TO ALL

And Says Technicalities Should Be Set Aside to Grant Right to a Quarter of Human Race.

QUIET PREVAILS IN HANKOW

Foreigners There Enjoy Sports and Live Much as Usual Under the Guns of Warships.

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BAD WEATHER DELAYS ALL PARIS FLIERS; BYRD'S PLANE MAKES ITS FINAL TESTS; SEARCHERS FIND NO TRACE OF NUNGESSER

Coolidge Sends Sympathy To France on Missing Fliers

RIVAL PILOTS WATCHFUL

Lindbergh Grooms Plane, but Says He Won't Be Rushed Into Flight.

BYRD GIVES HIM AIR DATA

Commander Pleased by Tests—America May Be Accepted by Wanamaker Today.

BELLANCA IN AIR TWICE

Chamberlain and Backer Assert They Will Not Race—Delay of 2 Days for All Is Likely.

JUSTICE SCUDDER, WHO PERSONALLY OPPOSES CAPITAL PUNISHMENT, PRONOUNCES SENTENCE.

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