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Peace Treaty Won't Be Signed Before April

Preliminary Committees to Study Problems Involved

Paris, Nov. 28.—(Havas Agency)—At a meeting preliminary to the sitting of the delegates to the peace conference, it is announced, committees will be appointed to study different phases of the problems which will be involved, and present reports to the conference, whose deliberations will by this means be of a more definite character. The conference, it is believed, will last for three months, and it is not expected that a treaty will be signed before April.

Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain will arrive in Paris at the same time as President Wilson.

MUST PAY THE BILL

London, Nov. 28.—(German states, whatever their form, must pay the bill. Germany, as a whole, must be held responsible for the consequences of the war," says the Westminster Gazette, in discussing the situation that has developed in Germany.

The newspaper admits that the Allies may find that the legal entity of Germany has undergone a complete change and that, like Austria, it may burst in fragments before negotiations are completed.

Dr. Solf Again Protests

Zurich, Nov. 28.—Dr. W. S. Solf, the German foreign minister, has addressed the following note to the Allied powers: "According to an additional note sent to the armistice convention by the Allies, Belgium, France, Luxembourg and Alsace-Lorraine must be evacuated within a period of fifteen days. The evacuation must be made in three stages, each being marked on the map. The third stage—has already been reached and encompasses upon the Rhine country to the west of Bonn, between Metz and Sarreguemines, and comprises Sarrelouis and Sarrebruck. It seems possible that this evacuation may have been made with a view to attempting the annexation of these territories to Alsace-Lorraine. The protest of the members of the German commission has not been considered. The German government makes most solemn protest against all attempts intended to deprive Germany of these territories."

Big Staff for Conference

London, Nov. 27.—The British government will have a staff of 400 persons in Paris for the peace conference. Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, informed the correspondents today. He said the government had taken the Majestic Hotel for this staff and would have a corresponding force of servants.

Faith of Metz

Metz, Sunday, Nov. 24.—Addresses to Poincaré and Premier Clemenceau have been sent by the municipal council of this city as its first act under the changed conditions prevailing here. The addresses express the faith of Metz to France and says that streets in the city will be given the names by which they were known before 1870. Streets laid out since that time will be given names of French generals and all German names will be effaced.

FRANCE HONORS BRITISH KING

Boulogne, France, Nov. 27.—(Havas Agency)—King George, the Prince of Wales and Prince Albert landed here at 1 o'clock this afternoon. They were welcomed by the military and civil authorities and later partook of luncheon at the officers' mess. The king received a warm welcome. After luncheon King George and his party left by automobile for British general headquarters at Montreuil-Sur-Mer.

MONCTON PLANS WELCOME FOR RETURNED MEN

Moncton, N. B., Nov. 28.—Moncton is planning a big demonstration in honor of the soldiers who are returning to Canada from overseas, and who are expected to arrive here on Friday from Halifax. This will be the first large body of troops to pass through the city since the signing of the armistice, and it is planned to give the boys a warm welcome. A local committee is now arranging for the celebration. Charles Robinson, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Commission in St. John, who visited Moncton yesterday, conferred with Mrs. (Dr.) W. A. Ferguson, Capt. J. E. Masters and others regarding preparations to receive the returned men. Arrangements having been made for the filming of the demobilization of troops at various points, an operator will be in Moncton to secure moving pictures.

SCHOONER ASHORE

Quebec, Nov. 28.—The local schooner Minnie Brite is ashore near St. Anne's Monts, Que., and will probably be a total loss. The greater part of her cargo is ruined.

HAVE CAUSE FOR THANKSGIVING

Celebrated as "Victory Day" in United States—Observance to Continue Over the Week End

Washington, Nov. 28.—Deep feelings of gratitude and thankfulness, greater than come to a nation through prosperity, pervaded the observance of Thanksgiving Day in the United States today. Peace with victory after nineteen months of war gave the day much added significance.

The declaration of President Wilson in his Thanksgiving proclamation that "this year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice," appeared to express the true sentiments of the American people, and made the occasion a "victory day" as well as a Thanksgiving day.

New York, Nov. 28.—The observance of Thanksgiving in New York city, which actually began yesterday, and will continue through the week-end, found every association, society and individual eager to honor the soldier and sailor. Dinners for the fighting men were prepared by hundreds of homeswives while at hotels and restaurants special menus were offered for their entertainment. Most notable of the events of the day was the "victory sing" this afternoon in Madison Square Garden, when ten thousand voices will join in the choruses.

Buffalo, Nov. 28.—Secretary of the Navy, Daniels, speaking at Buffalo, community thanksgiving service today, said: "We are here today to render thanks to the men of our nation for the widest victory ever achieved by the forces of freedom, to take counsel how a peace won by so much valor and sacrifice may long endure."

The Allies and the United States having won the war, Mr. Daniels said, "the spirit of cooperation should be the widest and most generous. It is the duty of every citizen to do his part to make the peace permanent. The protection of our own interests should not be a pretext for selfishness. The spirit of cooperation should be the widest and most generous. It is the duty of every citizen to do his part to make the peace permanent. The protection of our own interests should not be a pretext for selfishness."

HIS OPINION THAT THE FORMER KAISER CAN BE EXTRADITED

Paris, Nov. 28.—William Hohenzollern can be extradited, in the opinion of Professor Barthelmy, of the Paris law faculty, who explains that his guiding principle is that, when there is a conflict between law and common sense, the solution is always found by following the latter.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Ervin took place this afternoon from her late residence, Milford. Services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Marshall.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, K. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A depression of importance which has travelled rapidly from Texas is now centred in Illinois, indicating stormy weather over the Great Lakes and eastward. In the west the weather is fair and turning colder. Storm signals are displayed on the Great Lakes.

Forecast—Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Winds increasing to gales east to south; fair today, sleet and rain tonight and on Friday.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf and North Shore—Fair and cold today; Friday easterly gales with snow and rain.

Rain Tomorrow—Maritime—Fair and cold today; Friday, winds increasing to gales easterly with rain towards evening.



NO SETTLEMENT YET; PORT STILL TIED UP

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PITIFUL PLEA FROM PRIDE PROUD NATION

Austrian Republic Looks to Nations Responsible for Her Downfall for Aid in Effort to Arise and Build Anew; Want Food, Coal and Raw Materials

Vienna, Nov. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—"Provided the Allies extend immediate help, the Austrian republic will be able to arise from the position it is in at present," said Dr. Joseph Radlich, former minister of finance, to the correspondent today.

"We hope there is no revengeful desire on the part of the Allies to see us remain in poverty," he continued. "Our enemies should be generous and remember, at least, that Austria did what she considered her duty to her ally, and tried repeatedly to give up the war. If we are helped, we will be able to help ourselves. Our farmers and men of the industrial classes are all willing to work and not inclined to Bolshevism. Our financial position looks like bankruptcy, on paper, but we will be able to pay our debts."

What They Want

"Our gold reserves are small—perhaps half a million crowns—but that is of no great importance, in my opinion. What I urge is that we be helped back to a productive basis. If we can get food now we will be able to keep order. If we can get coal we will begin working. If we can get cotton, metals, and raw materials production will go on. Promise Political Quiet."

"We will also be quiet politically, which is desired by the Entente Allies and the United States. Whether we are tied up to the German federation or not is an unsettled question, even among ourselves. It is my opinion that we must form a federation with the broken-up parts of the former empire for commercial purposes."

TO INVESTIGATE CAUSES OF WAR

Berlin, Nov. 27.—(By the Associated Press)—The German-Austrian national council is negotiating with the Hungarian and Czech governments for the purpose of securing their co-operation in the publication of diplomatic pre-war documents and in an investigation into the responsibility for and conduct of the war, the Vienna correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung reports.

Recent revelations have been made, he says, to the effect that former Emperor Charles had secretly drawn 1,500,000 crowns on the army account, which charges involving Archduke Frederick and other high officers in connection with army contracts are also to be looked into. The diplomatic investigation will be directed chiefly against Count Berchtold, who was Austro-Hungarian foreign minister when the war broke out, and Count Czernin, later the occupant of that portfolio, the latter being accused of summarily rejecting alleged Austrian peace proposals in the fall of 1917, and at the beginning of the present year.

The statement made in the Bavarian disclosures to the effect that the late Count Tizza, then Hungarian premier, was opposed to the hostile tone of the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum to Serbia is said to conform with the facts. Count Stuerghk, the Austrian premier, on the other hand, is represented as having proceeded in the manner of a ruthless dictator.

MEN ON HARVEST LEAVE THE FIRST TO RECEIVE DISCHARGE

The members of the Depot Battalion at present out on harvest leave are to be the first members of the depot to receive their discharge, and the balance of the unit, consisting of those men at present quartered in the exhibition building, are to be detained for work which will be necessary when the soldiers commence to arrive from overseas.

An order was received at military headquarters this morning from Ottawa announcing that the members of the battalion at present on harvest leave may be discharged immediately.

The order is that the men on leave have the option of appearing before the military authorities personally and receiving their discharge or, by signing a release, giving the military authorities the authority to settle up their military affairs.

There are now about 1,200 members of the depot battalion out on harvest leave and for a time it will only be those members who will be demobilized. A military official, speaking this morning of the order, said that the idea of giving the men the option of remaining at their homes and signing a release is that they will not lose any unnecessary time from the farms, especially at this time of the year when there is much work for the farmer to do. As for the balance of the men at present quartered here, he said they were more good to their country in the work which will be assigned to them than they would be in civil life for a while yet. Had these men good ground for expropriation they would not have been drafted.

MRS. MARGARET PATTERSON

Mrs. Margaret Patterson of St. Martin's died suddenly on Nov. 23. Although she had been failing in health for the last year her death came as a great surprise to her many friends. She leaves four daughters—Mrs. George Brittain, Mrs. John Thompson of St. Martin's, Mrs. William Thompson of West St. John, Mrs. Bessie McLean of Little Beach, and four sons—George of St. Martin's, Ola of Fairfield, Robert of Halifax, William of New London, Conn.; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah McLeod of this city, Mrs. John Black of the West Side, and two brothers, Capt. Benjamin and David Tufts of this city.

HEALTH MATTERS

There were three new cases of influenza reported today and several others removed from homes which all danger of infection has passed. The smallpox situation is stationary with two mild cases in the isolation hospital.

PROVINCES TO CO-OPERATE

But Settlement of Soldiers on Farms is Matter for Dominion Board to Control

The settlement of soldiers upon the land is recognized as a matter that belongs to the Dominion, but the provinces will co-operate.

Premier Foster explained to the Times-Star this morning that the subject was fully discussed at the recent Ottawa conference. The matter will be in the hands of the Dominion Soldiers' Settlement Board, and the claim of any soldier must first be passed by this board as qualified to succeed in farming, or at least so qualified as to make his chance of success a reasonable probability. It is further proposed to provide facilities for soldiers with no knowledge of farming but desirous of going on the land to receive a period of training.

Land will be provided for a soldier, whose claim is approved, on his payment of ten per cent of the value, the balance to be paid in payments covering twenty years at five per cent. If the soldier's land has not yet been cultivated, provision will be made to advance him money for buildings, implements and stock. Premier Foster raised the question of the soldier who could pay nothing in advance, and was assured that cases would receive consideration.

The part of the provinces will co-operate in the general scheme will be to secure land or farms, which will be purchased by the Dominion board and re-sold to the soldiers on the ten per cent basis. Premier Foster said that so far as this province is concerned, as soon as the Dominion board is ready, the provincial government will promptly co-operate, as the matter has already been carefully considered and plans perfected.

CONDENSED NEWS

At a meeting of the Detroit Federation of Labor delegates representing twenty thousand union workers unanimously voted for a general strike on December 8, unless Thomas J. Mooney is pardoned or given a new trial.

Anc Germans crossed the Saar in force Sunday, sound northeastward.

A federal constitutional prohibition amendment was notified yesterday by both branches of the Florida legislature. The same passed the measure by a vote of twenty-five to two and the house by thirty-one to one.

A woman, railroad employe, about one hundred thousand in number, who were added to the pay rolls on accounts of the war, mainly as clerks and stenographers, probably will be retained permanently.

The president of the Massachusetts League club, has announced that exhibition games had been arranged between the Red Sox and the New York National League club in the south during the spring training season next year.

The Norwegian freight steamer Jepthow, from Rotterdam, while entering New York harbor today, under a dense fog, collided with an unknown steamer. A large hole was stove in the Jepthow's port bow. The other ship disappeared in the fog.

General Ulrich Wille, commander of the Swiss army, has asked the federal council to relieve him of his duties. Since the armistice has been signed, he says, his services can be dispensed with.

STRIKES ADD TO GERMAN TROUBLES

Workers, Dissatisfied With Reduction of Wages to Peace Basis, Threaten to Socialize Plants

Berlin, Nov. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Unorganized strikes have broken out in several of the large plants around Berlin. They are wholly local in nature and are the result of demands made by the workers for a fixed rate of daily wage instead of a piece schedule.

Former workers in the munition plants are insisting upon the continuance of the "prosperity" wages paid during the war, whereas the employers are now starting a piece production and are striving to re-align the wage conditions. Several of the plants have shut down. The workers are threatening to socialize the plants.

Until a settlement at the coal mines and the transport service show immediate improvement Germany will be forced to inaugurate more rigid fuel economy.

DR. ALLAN HOBEN, AT FRONT WITH Y.M.C.A., WOUNDED IN LEG

Former St. John Man and Later Professor in Chicago University Writes of His Experiences—Coming Home Soon

A cable received from Dr. Allan Hoben by his mother in this city, dated Nov. 25, said that he was discharged from hospital and would soon start home.

This was the first intimation that he had been wounded. The very next day came a letter from him written on Oct. 23, stating that he had been wounded on Oct. 6, in the leg, necessitating an operation.

Dr. Hoben was professor of homiletics in the University of Chicago, and went overseas in charge of the Y. M. C. A. work of an American division, having under him forty secretaries. He arranged for all their lectures, sports, movies, etc., and all the nourishment for the men at their huts, right up to the front with the men. In his letter Dr. Hoben says:

"The first five days of my hospital experiences were in a French hospital in charge of the nuns. They were perfectly wonderful, and I shall never forget their kind service and beautiful spirit. When I got well I am going back to that place just to see them and to give them some token of my gratitude."

Dr. Hoben is a brother of Mrs. (Rev.) W. R. Robinson, and his mother is living with them at 117 Sydney street, this city.

SOUTH AMERICAN STATES ARE CALMING DOWN

Lima, Peru, Nov. 27.—The Peruvian government is apparently determined to prevent the recurrence of outward incidents in connection with the Peruvian-Chilean dispute. The situation reported today was from Callao, where the port workers are refusing to handle cargo from Chilean steamships. No demonstrations have taken place.

Both chambers of the Spanish parliament have approved the proposition for the formation of a league of nations and will name a Spanish representative in that organization.