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Allies To Receive Pro Rata From Germany MINIMUM \$45,000,000,000

Reparations Committee Reports to Council in Paris—Work of Drafting Committee of League of Nations Completed

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French Claims.

Paris, April 8.—(Havas Agency)—The French claims before the peace conference put forth by certain American circles are declared by the Matin today to be entirely fantastic.

The Paris newspapers as a whole reiterate the view that it will be several days before the work of the conference will be completed in such a way that peace may be made simultaneously with Germany and her allies.

According to Le Journal, the plan for a buffer state at the mouth of the Vistula has been abandoned.

The Echo de Paris says it is able to state that the solution of the reparations question reaches by the conference provides for complete reparation.

It is believed, this newspaper also states, that Geneva has been definitely chosen as the site of the society of nations.

Passenger manifests required by immigration authorities were not available for the explanation of the British officials.

Paris, April 8.—(Peace)—The council of four met this morning at the residence of Premier Lloyd George.

The overnight tension in peace conference circles had not been dispelled when the council of four met today.

DOG TEAM WINS IN RECORD BREAKING TIME Nome, Alaska, April 8.—In record-breaking time and for the third occasion, Fred Mayer's dog team won the annual John Borden Cup race yesterday over the Cape Nome.

Letish Republic Copenhagen, April 8.—A despatch from Kovno, dated April 4, which reached here today says: "The president of the Letish republic took the oath before the Torbya, or parliament today."

Canadian Wins London, April 8.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Jos. A. Wood, a Canadian boxer, defeated Johnny Summers, once famous water-weight boxer, in a poor contest here last night.

Promotion London, April 8.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Colonel E. DeB. Panet is gazetted a Brigadier-General.

OPPOSITION TO NEW GOVERNMENT

Demonstrations In Munich, Says Berlin Despatch

General Smuts Leaves Budapest Without Having Arranged Armistice Between Hungary and Entente

Good For Twenty Thousand Million Sterling if Given Time

London, April 8.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters Ltd.)—In the House of Commons yesterday, Claude Lowther confirmed a statement that a commission comprising Premier Hughes of Australia, Arthur Henderson, labor leader, and Right Hon. Walter Long, had been appointed by the late government to inquire into the enemy's capacity to pay indemnities...

Copenhagen, April 8.—Demonstrations have occurred in Munich against the revolutionary government of Bavaria, according to Berlin despatches today.

Protests against the formation of the Soviet government, voiced at a political meeting in Bamberg, northern Bavaria, are reported in despatches from that city. Deputies of all the Bourgeoisie parties of the three Franconian governments, upper, lower and middle Franconia, met in Bamberg and registered an unanimous protest against the proclamation of the new regime at Munich.

The whole population of northern Bavaria, reads the protest, "is warned against allowing itself to be intimidated through fear of a vanishing minority, mainly consisting of persons predominantly of a foreign race."

"Bavaria is on the edge of a precipice, and if it is not preserved from a German home-ruled state, it will become the prey of fratricide, plundering and famine."

Those who tell you this are your countrymen, and not foreigners who, a few months ago, knew nothing of Bavaria and who are indifferent to your fate.

Copenhagen, April 8.—A political movement of great importance is imminent in the region of Hamburg, say reports from Berlin. Doctors Herse and Saufenberg, Spartacist leaders, it is added, have succeeded in making themselves masters of the situation and in converting Hamburg and the region between Hamburg and Bremen into a Soviet republic.

Manich, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Complete severance from the old German imperialism, as declared still to be manifest in the Eber-Scheideffern government of Germany and the resumption of a "brotherly connection" with the Russian state, are the main points of the proclamation issued by the government.

Budapest, April 8.—(By the Associated Press)—Great earnestness is displayed by the members of the new government in carrying out the work assigned to them. They are ready to discuss their plans and to solve problems, and they refrain from abusing capital.

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It's ONLY ONE OF THE MANY INCONVENIENCES Wherein is the solution? This morning a commercial man wishing to do business in Nova Scotia and desirous to cross the bay by the Digby route, found himself in a dilemma.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., REPORTS OUTBREAK OF "FLU" Vancouver, B. C., April 8.—A special cable to the Vancouver Province from Sydney, N. S. W., says: "Influencing is becoming more serious than ever. There are hundreds of new cases daily and ninety deaths reported last week. The government has closed schools, theatres, picture houses and race courses. Hotel customers are allowed to remain only five minutes in the bars. Masking regulations have been extended and meetings are prohibited."

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SENSATIONAL GAINS AS THE MARKET OPENS

New York, April 8.—Specialties registered further sensational gains at the opening of today's stock market, while rail and other standard issues remained in the background.

Burns Brothers made an initial advance of five points which was soon increased to nine. Barrett Corporation rose four and American International Corporation three.

Other particularly strong stocks included Petroleum, Texas Company, Royal Dutch, Bethlehem Steel, Great Northern Ore and United States Food Products.

Foreign exchange rates were steady. The dollar advanced against the franc, while the pound remained steady.

Despatches continued to centre in specialties to the further neglect of rails and other representative stocks. Failure of transportation to make favorable response to the remarkable crop report indicated the speculative tone of the trading.

Supplementary gains embraced Marine Preferred, Atlantic Gulf, General Electric, Westinghouse, American Can, Kelly-Springfield Tire, Sugars and Chemical and Fertilizer issues in which advances ranged from one to four points.

Trouble on MAURETANIA New York, April 8.—A "near riot" broke out on board the Mauretania last night when the 3,700 men who sailed with British war units found that they could not land because of a misunderstanding of their exact status as passengers.

Passenger manifests required by immigration authorities were not available for the explanation of the British officials.

Steps were taken to get authority from Washington to waive regulations requiring passengers' manifests in this instance.

British authorities had already planned to allow 100 men whose houses are in this city to land at once and to send the remaining 3,000 to Camp Mills for distribution.

At one time last night it was feared that the men would rebel in a body and march ashore. At midnight, however, the situation was said to be in hand pending developments today.

UNREST IN PALESTINE Reported Opposition to Country Being Turned Over to Zionists Cairo, Egypt, April 8.—Reports received here indicate there is great unrest in Palestine. Moslems and Christians there are aroused over reports that Palestine will be turned over to the Zionists.

They are bitterly opposed to Jewish state in Palestine and to an influx of Jews supported by Americans and European Jews. They declare that the land belongs to the inhabitants.

Senator Dennis, Vice-Chairman Ottawa, April 8.—Senator Dennis of Halifax was this morning elected vice-chairman of the joint committee on printing of the senate and house of commons.

Colonel John A. Currie of Simcoe was elected chairman.

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