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Historic Scene at Versailles

Chief German Delegate Almost Fainting MEETING WITH ALLIES

Presentation of Credentials—Fifteen Days Given Huns for Consideration of the Terms of Peace Treaty—Some of the Provisions

Versailles, May 2.—(By the Associated Press)—Pale and almost fainting from emotion, Count von Brockdorff-Rantau, German foreign secretary, heard the German peace treaty delegation, yesterday passed through what evidently was one of the bitterest moments of his life. He was barely able to sustain himself through the brief ceremony of the first gathering with the Allies and reach the waiting automobile which had brought him to the hall.

The meeting took place in the room of the Trion Hotel. Count von Brockdorff-Rantau, on entering, was accompanied by Herr Landsberg, Professor Schuecking and two secretaries, and waiting for him the Allied representatives were grouped around Jules Cambon, former French ambassador at Berlin, who is chairman of the committee. Other members of the Allied party included Lord Harding, British; Ambassador Matsui, Japan, and Henry White of the United States.

M. Cambon immediately addressed Count von Brockdorff-Rantau, stating that he was chairman of the commission entrusted by the Allied powers to receive and examine the credentials of the German delegates as the first step in a conference which, it was hoped, would lead to peace.

"Here are ours," continued M. Cambon, extending as he spoke the formal credentials of the Allied commission as plenipotentiaries of the Allied powers.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantau surrendered the German credentials, with even less of a formal address, his emotion being too great to enable him to deliver an extended discourse.

After these brief ceremonies the Germans turned and left the hall, walking a few steps to the German waiting room, they were followed immediately by the Allied representatives.

Fifteen Days to Consider.

Paris, May 2.—(By the Associated Press)—It was learned yesterday that the German delegates to the peace congress will have fifteen days in which to consider the treaty and make any counter proposals they desire. They may begin offering their suggestions at any time, but no day of grace will be given them. Representatives of the Allies, it was said, reserve the right to reply to any of the German objections or proposals at any time, but the belief is expressed that not more than five days or a week would be required for closing the exchange of ideas.

About the Treaty.

Paris, May 2.—The treaty of peace comprises from fifteen to twenty chapters, according to Marcel Hutin of the Echo de Paris. The preamble is contained in the first chapter setting forth the reasons why the various contracting parties entered the war, and mentioning the necessity for the League of Nations.

The second chapter deals with the German frontiers and the third contains all clauses connected with alterations of frontiers resulting in changes in the sovereignty of territory. The fourth, it is said, sets forth the military, naval and aerial clauses and fifth takes up the disposition of the German colonies.

The other chapters are not yet altogether finished, but they will concern reparations, economic and financial questions, and will deal with the international labor legislation treaty.

The treaty concludes with a chapter concerning the guarantees for the execution of the treaty conditions by Germany.

Free German Prisoners.

Paris, May 2.—German prisoners who have been retained in France under the armistice conditions will be returned to Germany by the terms of the peace treaty, according to the Temps. In exchange, Germany will pledge herself to send to France a specified number of skilled artisans and laborers who will be employed in the task of reconstruction in the devastated districts.

A Warning.

Versailles, May 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Special Police Commissioner Oudaille has informed the German correspondents to the peace congress that arrangements have been made with regard to them. He told them they were aware that some of them had been in Paris and warned them that they must not leave the territory until they have received the regulations, which he promised would henceforth be respected.

German Delegate's Statement.

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DO NOT PROVIDE FOR DESTRUCTION OF GERMAN WARSHIPS

Paris, May 2.—The naval terms to be embodied in the peace treaty with Germany which finally have been completed do not provide for the sinking of the larger German warships. The disposal of these vessels is left to be decided upon later by the Allied and associated powers.

LOCAL NEWS

THE ASPHALT PLANT

The city asphalt plant has been overhauled and made ready for the season's work which will begin on the arrival of the asphalt supplies. The plant was given a try-out yesterday and found to be in working order.

ACCIDENT

Daniel MacKay, who is employed by Grant & Horne in the shipyard, fell from a staging this morning. He was taken to the General Hospital, where it is thought his injuries are slight, but he was quite badly shaken up.

HAS GONE TO VANCOUVER

La. James Carr, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident some time ago, and was in the St. John military hospital until recently, on being discharged from the hospital, went to his home in Vancouver, quite recovered from his injuries.

BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Miss Agnes C. McDonald took place from her mother's residence, 15 Clarence street, this afternoon at the Cathedral, where service was conducted by Rev. B. Fraser. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Miss McDonald was a very popular school girl. A large number of beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends.

SCHOONER NOTES

F. Pielard's new schooner, Mapland is loading deals up the bay at \$38 shillings for the United Kingdom. J. Willard Smith's new schooner Ononette is to be launched tomorrow at their shipyard in Nova Scotia and will probably arrive here tomorrow to load deals for the United Kingdom.

GIFTS TO SOLDIER

Gnr. D. J. Allen, M. M., who returned from overseas on April 22, was made the recipient of a beautiful gold watch and silver ring by friends on Friday evening at his home, 36 St. Andrews street. Gunner Allen went overseas with the 118th and transferred to the No. 2 Hospital in France, with which he has served for more than two years. He won the military medal last year.

WILL RESUME ON MONDAY

Commissioner Jones, Engineer Hare and Superintendent Sewell visited Lake Fitzgerald on Thursday afternoon in company with Mr. Moses of Moses & Tobias, who have the excavating contract for the water main renewal at that place, and looked over the ground. It was decided that, if the weather is favorable, it will be possible to make start on Monday and the contractor undertook to do so. Mr. Moses is confident that the worst of the work is over and there will be little time lost in completing the contract.

MARRIED IN ENGLAND

Mrs. Mary Connell of 181 Erin street has received a letter from her son, Pte. Fred T. Connell, one of the originals of the 20th, telling her of his marriage in England. He was married on April 19 to Miss Dolly Fry, cousin of Stephen H. Fry of the Times composing room staff, and cousin of Sgt. G. H. Fry of the 29th. Pte. Connell had been wounded three times but went back to the front after his recovery from each wound and is still with the 20th. He was once buried and was blind as a result for nearly three months. He and his bride spent their honeymoon at South-End-on-Sea, and they expect to return with the 20th. They will be assured of a warm welcome from the bridegroom's many friends here.

Paris has brought disillusionment to Germany.

It is said that it is regarded there as a thinly veiled scheme for the victorious powers to gain the ascendancy and give the militants an opportunity to taunt the pacifists for their simplicity.

The chief of the German pressmen replied, thanking the commissioner for the courtesy they had received and explaining that his colleagues had acted in ignorance of the regulations, which he promised would henceforth be respected.

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As Hiram Sees It

"Say," said Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter this morning, "That manager of that sugar refinery down there put one over on me yesterday. I wanted to go through the place an' he set me how much I weighed, so's he could fix the excess profits tax. He said if I went all through that place from top to bottom I'd be worth ten cents a pound. I just walked right out."

"I hope," said the reporter, "you were not down there in the interests of the maple sugar industry in the settlement."

"Me?" quoth Hiram. "Young man, if you want some simon-pure maple I'll take the order. No mixin' fer me. That's not what the maple sugar you buy ever waltzed up a tree in the spring—but you kin ask Sile Jones about that. Sile's big pot's been pretty busy this spring."

"What were you doing around Prince William street this morning, near the door of the government offices?" queried the reporter.

"Did you see me down there? I was just waitin' round to get a squirt at that man, Venise. They say he's got a million or two to spend on the roads. I want him to come out to the settlement next week. Nice feller, ain't he?"

"Any man," said the reporter, "who has that much money to spend is a nice man, if he lets you in on the game. If he doesn't—well, he may have his faults."

"Yes—that's what the Standard says. But we got a piece o' road out to the settlement that brings tears to my eyes every time I ride over it—and I don't cry easy. I ain't lookin' fer no contract, but if I do say it I done some work in the election—yes, sir."

"Do you want to add a machine to tote up the number of men who saved the country at the last election, and who want to tell Mr. Venise about it before that million or so gets by?"

Hiram pulled his whiskers and smiled. "Mister," he said, "I wouldn't hev his job fer Rockefeller's pay—no, sir. I s'pose it's a good thing he kin speak two languages. He couldn't say all he wants to say sometimes in one. I haint seen him yet."

"Get Mr. Potts to introduce you," said the reporter.

"That's 'ere!" quoth Hiram. "That's what I'll do. I'll give a little dinner an' ask 'em both."

"Won't you count me in?" queried the reporter.

"Then kin see the sugar after its ober," said Hiram.



ALL RIGHT, FRITZ—YOUR BAWTH IS READY.

SENSATIONAL ADVANCE IN THE STOCK MARKET

Texas Pacific Land Trust Certificates up 56 Points and Small Lots Nearly 100

New York, May 2.—An advance of 56 points in Texas Pacific Land Trust certificates to 41, was the spectacular feature of moderately strong stock market in the first half hour of today's trading.

"Wonderful," said a prominent member of the stock exchange, "the advance of one to two points marked the course of the day's trading. Highest prices for leather, food and chemical shares. Investment and secondary rails were fractionally higher but United States Steel recorded only a slight change."

On sales of odd lots, Texas Pacific Land Trust subsequently rose to 500. The market broadened on the greater activity of the morning, low-priced rails figuring more extensively than at any time in the current movement at gains of one to three points. Highest prices for several years, and in some instances for a longer period, were made by many of these issues, while in other quarters, notably Atlantic Gulf, absolute maximums were recorded. Oils and numerous peace industrial were one to five points higher.

The Mauretania had been held up by a dock strike.

TO AMALGAMATE?

Montreal, May 2.—The Gazette says: "The strength and activity of the common shares of the Dominion Steel Corporation on the Montreal market, together with the renewed interest in Scotia, brought about yesterday a re-orientation of the market. A combination of the two companies, with which The Street here is more or less familiar, having discussed the possibility of the deal on several occasions in the past."

RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TITLES SENDS WORD OF DEATH OF BRAVE FREDERICTON SOLDIER IN BALKANS

London, May 2.—(Canadian Associated Press)—Prof. Berriedale Keith of Edinburgh University, writing to the London Times on the issues raised by the Canadian honors controversy, says, first, it should be made clear whether peacemakers for residents in Canada, which was the immediate cause of the outbreak of popular feeling in the dominion, had the approval of the Canadian prime minister for, if so, it is only fair that he should take the responsibility, which at present lies with the imperial government.

Secondly, it is obvious that the overwhelming weight of democratic opinion in Canada, Australia and New Zealand is firmly opposed to the creation of a class holding hereditary titles, but under the existing system the responsibility for their award is so vaguely distributed between the dominions and the imperial government that the former have been able to evade their full measure of responsibility.

These questions should be brought definitely before the next meeting of the imperial conference and the discussion and the result made public.

PHILIP AND PHERDAND WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The disturbance has moved from southern Michigan to northern Ontario and is now dispersing. Rain has fallen generally in Ontario and western Quebec and more locally in Alberta. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Partly Fair.

Maritime.—Fresh southerly and southwest winds, showery; Saturday, southwest winds, some local showers but partly fair and milder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Southerly winds, showery; Saturday, westerly winds, fair and mild.

New England.—Fair tonight and Saturday except probably rain tonight in east and north Maine, fresh south and northwest winds.

New Licenses For Six Months

Those to Wholesale and Retail Vendors in New Brunswick—Government to Take Business Over?

Fredericton, N. B., May 2.—The new licenses that are being issued under the prohibition act to wholesale and retail vendors of liquor are all made for the period of six months instead of one year as formerly.

Rev. W. D. Wilson, chief inspector, made the announcement respecting the change in licenses this morning, saying that action by the government was taken under legislation recently passed.

It is understood that this is the first move towards the government taking over the wholesale and retail liquor vendors in New Brunswick, and it may also mean that at the end of the six months the retail licenses will not be re-issued, but that the retail sales of liquor will also be handled through the government's officials, although Rev. Mr. Wilson said this morning that no such decision respecting retail licenses had been reached, but said that Ontario and Prince Edward Island were adopting such procedure.

PARIS QUIET AFTER STORMY MAY DAY

One Man Killed, 80 Policemen Wounded and 50 Arrests Made in Riots

Paris, May 2.—At 8.30 o'clock last night calm has been re-established everywhere in the city following the disorders of yesterday. The republican guard, the police force and infantry and cavalry detachments, however, were concentrated in their barracks.

During the course of the day eighty policemen were wounded in riots and fifty arrests were made. A young man was killed in the opera district. Fifteen persons were wounded, several of them seriously, in the neighborhood of the Gare de l'Est, when crowds stoned the cavalry and many shots were fired. There were numerous clashes in the Boulevard de Magenta, where barriers were erected and the troops fired upon.

Paris, May 2.—Socialists and the leaders of labor unions are extremely militant over yesterday's incidents. The general federation has issued a protest and a committee will meet tonight to consider what steps will be taken as a result of the disorders. The managing committee of the Socialist party and the Socialist group of the chamber of deputies will also meet.

Deputy Marcel Cachin says the day was a "magnificent demonstration of the power and discipline of the laboring classes and was marred only by the brutality of the ferocious police." He says that the soldiers used no violence and that there was no trouble where they were on duty.

Latest reports stated that three deaths had resulted from the disorders in this city. There were, besides, twenty-six persons severely wounded, 300 slightly injured and 150 arrested during the demonstrations.

LATE REPORT SAYS 250 PARIS POLICEMEN HURT IN MAY DAY RIOTS

Paris, May 2.—Two hundred and fifty policemen were hurt, one sergeant was stabbed in the back and is in a serious condition, during yesterday's May Day disorders, according to an announcement made by the prefecture of police at midnight.

Apparently only one person was killed, a youth named Lorne, who, according to reports not yet authenticated, was struck by several revolver bullets. The person who fired the shots is said to have been arrested, but his identity has not been established.

The prefecture of police maintains that the policemen had no ball cartridges in their revolvers and that no ammunition was issued to the troops, and that the few shots fired consequently came from the demonstrators.

"The disturbances are generally deplored by public opinion. Before the war, it is pointed out, such incidents as the day brought forth would have seemed trivial in comparison with those of other May Days, but it is considered deeply regrettable that after so much French blood had been shed on the battlefields any more should have been spilled in the streets of the capital."

The blame is variously apportioned by the press, according to the political complexion of the newspapers.

WHEN LEAGUE OF NATIONS WILL MEET IN GENEVA

Geneva, May 1.—The first meeting of the League of Nations in Geneva, the capital of the league, will be held in the famous Albani Hall of the city hall, so the Associated Press learned today.

The local authorities have been notified that a site one and one-half miles square on the lake shore will be required for the permanent home of the league, and several sites have been offered by old families of Geneva.

LIONESS KILLS KEEPER AND ESCAPES FROM CIRCUS

Woodbury, N. J., May 2.—Pandemonium reigned for an hour in Woodbury yesterday afternoon when a lioness, an exhibit in a circus sideshow, killed her keeper, John Henry, when he fondled her cubs before a crowd of spectators, escaped from her cage and bounded into a small clump of woods which adjoins the town. Circus attendants, accompanied by men and boys of Woodbury, invaded the wood and after a thrilling chase, cornered her and ended her life.

THE TELEPHONE CABLE

Repairs to the West St. John telephone cable still are in progress.