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FREEDOM OF THE SEAS AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY AMONG CLAUSES OF CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Member of German Reichstag Submits Outline of What He Believes Should Be Recognized as Fundamental Principles Governing World-Wide Union of Countries—The Hague To Be Centre of International Bureau.

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—A draft of a constitution for a league of nations, worked out in detail by Matthias Erzberger, German member of the Reichstag, is published in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin. It is taken from a book entitled "The League of Nations, The Way to Peace," which Erzberger will publish soon.

The first section of the constitution, dealing with the organization of such a league, says: "Any sovereign state can enter the league, which shall consist of a council, a permanent administrative council, and a permanent assembly, the following powers are among those who have announced adherence: Germany, Great Britain, France, United States and Russia."

The Hague would be the seat of the league, and there the international bureau would conduct its business. Each state, with the approval of its parliament, would appoint one delegate. The international bureau would be controlled by a permanent administrative council, consisting of the representatives of the federated powers, with the Dutch foreign minister as chairman.

Fundamental Laws.
Dealing with fundamental laws, the second section says:
"The league shall guarantee the territorial possession of each federated state, as well as undisturbed possession of colonies." Each state would be independent in the conduct of its internal and foreign affairs within the limits of the league, but the members of the league, with the consent of their parliaments, declare their permanent neutrality, would be recognized.

GERMAN POLITICAL "CRISIS" IS REGARDED AS INTEGRAL PART OF THE ENEMY'S PEACE OFFENSIVE

Eighth Time During the War That Teutons Have Created a Furore Over Predicted Revolution, But All Have Failed to Materialize.

London, Sept. 23.—Although reports of a German political crisis arising from the supposed movement for parliamentarization of the government are printed at great length in the papers here, and the situation is watched with much interest for any possibility of a revolution, the whole thing is mostly regarded as merely an integral part of the German "peace offensive."

It is recalled that the reassembling of the Reichstag has frequently since the war broke out, been preceded by an outbreak of excited talk in German political circles. This has created a temporary "thunder" atmosphere, during which some revolutionary bomb has been predicted, but which has never fallen.

Eighth Crisis.
The Telegraph, discussing the rumors, says that this is the eighth political "crisis" in the course of the war and adds: "All of them have left things very much as they were before."

The papers generally ignore reports editorially, but the view widely taken is expressed by the Graphic, which declares:

ATTACHE AT WASHINGTON.
Peking, Sept. 23.—Gen. Han Lin Chang has been appointed Chinese minister attaché at Washington.

THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 61; lowest, 36.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 54; lowest, 44.

TOMORROW—FAIR.
Toronto, Sept. 23—8 a.m.
Moderate winds; a few scattered showers; but for the most part fair today and on Tuesday.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 56. 48. Fair.
Calgary. 52. 44. Fair.
Winnipeg. 54. 42. Cloudy.
Fort Arthur. 52. 42. Clear.
Dartmouth. 52. 40. Fair.
Port Stanley. 50. 48. Cloudy.
Buffalo. 50. 42. Cloudy.
Toronto. 55. 44. Fair.
Kingston. 54. 40. Fair.
Ottawa. 54. 40. Fair.
Montreal. 54. 40. Fair.
Quebec. 54. 40. Cloudy.
Father Point. 48. 40. Fair.

Since Saturday the weather has been unsettled and showery, with seasonable temperatures in the Western Provinces, while from Ontario eastward it has been mostly cloudy and decidedly cool.

THIRTEEN DEAD FROM ATTACKS OF INFLUENZA

Polish Soldier at the Niagara Camp Succumbs.

OUTBREAK IN QUEBEC

Nine Sailors and Three Students Victims of New Disease.

Niagara Camp, Sept. 23.—The first death in the Polish infantry camp from influenza, occurred this morning, and three new cases were admitted to hospital, making a total of 138 influenza sufferers.

So far the Canadian camp is free from the disease, though there are numerous cases of grippe. There were four cases of suspected Spanish influenza in the Canadian camp yesterday, but Major Morrison, director of medical service, said today that they were simply ordinary influenza.

RAGING IN QUEBEC.
Quebec, Sept. 23.—An epidemic of what is supposed to be Spanish influenza is raging at Victoriaville, Que., where three hundred students at the college are reported to be sick. The fact is that the college has been quarantined for the last week, all the scholars being gradually sent home after disinfection. So far two of the teachers and a student have died.

Morphy statistics today show that in the course of the last few days nine sailors have died on ships in the harbor of Quebec, apparently from Spanish influenza. The bodies are shipped to the homes of the men, mostly in the United States.

SPANISH INFLUENZA

AT NAVAL STATION ADJOINING DETROIT

Between Forty and Fifty Cases Reported Near Ford Eagle Plant.

Detroit, Sept. 23.—Spanish influenza in a mild form has been found at the United States Naval Station adjoining the Ford Eagle Plant at River Rouge, and the station has been quarantined. Between 40 and 50 cases are reported. A serious epidemic is not anticipated, the quarantine being merely precautionary.

**PUBLISHERS NOT
TO BE REPRESENTED
AT THE INQUIRY**

Government Counsel at Newspaper Investigation Makes Statement.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—At the newspaper inquiry this morning, H. A. Stewart, K.C., government counsel, stated that the publishers would not be represented, but that he and Mr. Clarkson had received a memorandum from them, asking for certain information which, he thought, should be furnished them. He said the matter was finally dealt with. It might be necessary for Commissioner Pringle to fix a price in the meantime. George F. Henderson, counsel for Booth Mills, utterly dissented from this suggestion. He had read a letter this morning from the publishers to the commissioner which he characterized as impertinent and audacious, and considered it ridiculous that the Government should argue in its support.

Commissioner Pringle said he was not sure the publishers understood the situation. He had interviewed many of them and found them fair-minded men. George M. Montgomery said the publishers had been given ample time to look into Mr. Clarkson's report. Their attitude was grossly impertinent.

Commissioner Pringle said he had received a letter from the secretary of the Canadian Press Association, setting forth the reasons of the publishers for not being represented at the hearing. He had seen the letter in the papers and was reeling under unfair treatment. He had always tried to treat everyone fairly. The commissioner then reviewed the attitude of the publishers since the inquiry opened.



Advertiser Illustration.
Kaiser, "Don't be worried—we're all right so far."

ALLENBY'S GREAT VICTORY IN PALESTINE MEANS THE HOLY LAND'S LIBERATION

London, Sept. 23.—Canadian Press dispatch from Reuters Limited—The victory of Gen. Allenby is hailed as a model in conception and execution. It is the most complete of any hitherto achieved in the Turkish campaign. The Turkish commander of the Turkish in Mesopotamia, it will likely terminate the Turkish adventures in Persia and Caucasus.

AVIATOR KILLED WHEN MACHINE "NOSE DIVES" INTO LAKE ONTARIO

Death of Flight-Lieut. A. M. Fromm, Near Beamsville, Today.

Hamilton, Sept. 23.—Flight Lieut. A. M. Fromm of Regina, Sask., was instantly killed in the lake off the Beamsville aerodrome this morning while making a solo flight. His machine nosedived, and it is thought that death was caused by concussion when the machine hit the water.

STEAMER CORT IS RAISED FROM THE BOTTOM OF LAKE

Vessel Salvaged at Expenditure of \$200,000.

Detroit, Sept. 23.—The steamer Cort, sunk by the steamer Midvale in the ice near Bar Point, Lake Erie, just before Christmas last year, was raised yesterday afternoon on the fourth attempt and after the expenditure of \$200,000.

The Cort will be taken to a shipyard near Detroit with a view to putting her into service again next season.

STEAMER WICKWIRE SAFE.
Duluth, Sept. 23.—The steamer Wickwire Jun., bound down the lakes, and three days overdue at Sault Ste. Marie, was reported last night as having passed through the locks after having taken refuge for 48 hours behind Waken Point. Details are lacking, but it is presumed the vessel became temporarily disabled during a storm on Thursday.

WHISKY SEIZED.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 23.—Last night the prohibition inspector seized over \$2,000 worth of liquor from a well-known drug firm. This, it is alleged, was part of a stock laid in for the exhibition, which opens tomorrow.

NEUCERA MUST HANG.
Ottawa, Sept. 23.—The Government has declined to intervene in the death sentence passed on Joseph Neucera, found guilty of murder. He is to be hanged at Montreal on September 27.

HAIG ADVANCES IN ATTACK ON ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE ST. QUENTIN REGION

PENETRATION OF HINDY'S LINE IS ENEMY'S WORST WAR DISASTER

Canadians Continually Raid
Foe's Positions Along the
Canal du Nord.

GREAT AERIAL ACTIVITY

Currie's Artillery Dominates
Situation, Causing Many
Fires, Much Destruction.

With the Canadian Forces in France, Sept. 23.—(By J. P. B. Livesey, Canadian Press Correspondent).—The week on the Canadian front has been one of active watchfulness marked by continuing patrols and raids on both sides in the Canal du Nord, which lends itself to this type of warfare. One post has been taken and retaken no fewer than four times, and the operations have resulted in a number of prisoners and a machine gun, even the German raiding party in prisoners to us. Shelling has been continuous, with gas predominating in the German repertoire.

Aerial activity, both by plane and balloon, has been uninterrupted. Several German planes and balloons have fallen to our pilots.

Yesterday a German balloon was cut loose by our artillery and drifted rapidly away at a great height. It is estimated that the German pilots are using parachutes.

Artillery Dominates.
Our artillery has dominated the situation, frequently neutralizing the German batteries and causing many fires, and the rifles of which there are many in the trench. There is an evident intention on the part of the enemy to hold the east side of the canal to the end of the war. The importance of the breach made in the Hindy line is commented upon by a well-known German critic as one of the disasters of the war and as being ominously significant. It not only embarrasses a large part of the defensive front, but proves that any line can be taken. Therein lies the burden blow to German confidence. The result of the war is now a matter of men rather than of defenses, and in the hands of the Allies fear no fear. In the type of warfare casualties are light, though the enemy is certainly on the down grade, making themselves felt in every part of the front.

BODY OF FORMER CZAR IS EXHUMED BY "PEOPLE'S ARMY"

Remains of Nicholas Romanoff
To Be Interred at Omsk.

monies over the body of Nicholas Romanoff, former Emperor of Russia, have been held at Yekaterinburg by troops of the "people's army," according to Izvestia of Moscow. The body had been buried in a wood near where the emperor was executed, and was located through information provided by persons acquainted with the circumstances of the execution. The work of exhumation was done in the presence of many representatives of the supreme ecclesiastical authorities of Western Siberia, as well as delegates of the "people's army," Cossacks and Czechs. The body was placed in a special sarcophagus at Omsk.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.
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British Forces Progress Towards Tombois Farm and Capture Hun Trenches On Ridge Northwest of Vendhuile—French Extend Lines to the Oise River.

ALLENBY CAPTURES 25,000 TURKS.
London, Sept. 23.—More than 25,000 Turkish prisoners and 260 guns had been counted up to yesterday evening by Gen. Allenby's forces pushing northward through Palestine, according to an official statement issued today by the war office.

The war office announcement says that the 7th and the 8th Turkish armies have virtually ceased to exist.

40,000 TURKS TRAPPED.
London, Sept. 23.—Reports from the Palestine front this afternoon indicate that none of the Turkish force of at least 40,000 men, trapped by the British through the seizure of the last of the passages of the Jordan can possibly get away.

London, Sept. 23.—British forces last night attacked the German lines between St. Quentin and Cambrai, opposite Le Catelot, making progress in the vicinity of Tombois Farm and capturing a group of trenches and strong points on the ridge northwest of Vendhuile, Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement today. Another enemy strong point near the Ronsoy-Bony road, just to the south, also was taken by the British. A successful local attack was carried out south of Villers-Guislain.

Northwest of St. Quentin, the Germans penetrated the British line at one point at Berthaucourt during an attack. The position was re-established by a counter-attack.

On the front between Arras and Lens, there was a continuation of the advance movement in the neighborhood of Gavrelle. South-east of that village, English troops made progress on a front of three-quarters of a mile.

The text of the statement reads:
"Successful minor operations were carried out by our troops yesterday and during the night at several points. In the afternoon English troops captured a German strong point, in the neighborhood of the Ronsoy-Bony road, which had held out stubbornly all day, taking 80 prisoners. Later in the afternoon a hostile counter-attack from the direction of Guillemont Farm was repulsed with heavy loss by our rifle and machine-gun fire."

"During the night other English troops made progress in the direction of Tombois Farm after several hours' hard fighting, and farther north captured a group of strongly-held trenches and strong points on the spur northwest of Vendhuile, taking a number of prisoners."

"During the night also over 100 prisoners were captured by us in a successful local attack south of Villers-Guislain."

"East of Gavrelle English troops made progress on a front of about three-quarters of a mile, capturing 60 prisoners."

"Early last night the enemy attacked Berthaucourt under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and penetrated our line at one point. An immediate counter-attack by our troops completely cleared the positions."

BRITISH ADVANCE IN ARRAS.

With the British Forces in France, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press).—In a small attack east of Gavrelle, in the Arras sector, British troops last night advanced their lines for an average depth of 600 yards along a front of 1,100 yards.

Haig's men gained several strong positions in the patches of forest on the high ground.

SERBIAN TROOPS REACH WEST BANKS OF THE VARDAR RIVER

London, Sept. 23.—Serbian troops have cut the main railway line between Uskub and Saloniki and are on the western bank of the Vardar River, according to the Serbian official statement of Sunday.

West of the Vardar, the Serbians have cut the railway line to Prilep, which is the main line of German communication in this region.

Serbian infantry units are now in the mountainous regions and advanced 25 miles in one day. The number of prisoners and the amount of war material captured increases daily.

The neighboring German and Bulgarian sectors are now feeling the loss of their communication lines. Enemy reinforcements have been forced to retreat.

Since September 15 the Serbians have advanced 40 miles. The statement reads:
"Serbian troops, in a victorious advance, are forcing the German and Bulgarian reinforcements to retreat. The Serbian troops

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