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Allies and Huns Meeting Today

German Credentials Presented This Afternoon at Versailles—Stage Set for the Treaty Presentation

Versailles, May 1.—(By the Associated Press)—The first official meeting between Allied representatives and the German peace delegates will take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. A committee from the Allies will receive the German credentials at that time.

STAGE SET FOR TREATY SIGNING

Versailles, May 1.—(By the Associated Press)—The spacious dining room of Hotel Trison yesterday received its peace congress installation—three long tables in horse shoe form, covered with the traditional green cloth of diplomacy. The installation is imposing in the size of each of the side tables, which extend some forty or fifty feet through the room. At the head of the apartment is a table about thirty-five feet long at which the representatives of the great powers will be seated. To the right of Clemenceau and President Wilson in the center.

Inside the horse shoe is another table covered with red plush and in the open between one side of the horse shoe and the windows is a similar table. In the window openings are smaller square tables for seating the interpreters for the handling over of the terms of peace.

Paris, May 1.—(Havas Agency)—The opinion prevails in peace conference circles that the peace preliminaries will be communicated to the Germans on Monday afternoon.

Paris, May 1.—(Havas Agency)—The details of the peace treaty were taken up today by the Council of Three, among them the question of the captured German cables. With the Ciano-Groves plan disposed of, the Adriatic question is the only highly important matter remaining unsettled.

OPEN DOORS OF THE SCHOOL BUILDINGS

Board of Education Hears Matter and Arrangements Will Likely be Made

The question regarding the use of public school buildings as social centres was discussed at a meeting of the provincial board of education this morning. Dr. H. S. Bridges and A. M. Belding were heard and, after further consideration by the board, it was intimated that it was likely that arrangements would be made by which the use of school buildings for other than school purposes would be secured.

The usual grant was made to the Reading Camp Association. A petition from the arts students of the U. N. B. for a reduction of the requirements for a grammar school license was not granted.

In consideration of the fact that her services were given at the request of the Transvaal government, the board agreed to allow the time she spent in South Africa on the pension term of Miss Iva Verza.

As the last school day of this term falls on Monday, June 30, the recommendation of the chief superintendent that any Saturday in June may be taken as a substitute teaching day was accepted.

Inspector Meagher was given the scholarship for the summer course of 1919, as authorized by the board.

The chief superintendent asked for instructions regarding text books and it was ordered that no new text books be purchased until prices are more reasonable.

The chief superintendent also presented the matter of a four year high school course, and also optional high school courses to provide for a choice among the present curriculum, a commercial or an industrial course as best adapted to the needs of the locality and the pupil. The matter was laid over for further consideration.

It was ordered that, beginning June 1, 1920, the minimum age for admission to the normal school should be the same as before the war, viz., seventeen years. Considerable other business of a routine nature was transacted.

All members of the government, with the exception of the attorney-general, who is ill, were present, with the chief superintendent, Dr. W. S. Carter, and Chancellor Jones.

The government executive sits this afternoon.

HALF MILLION LOSS IN FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, May 1.—Fire early today destroyed the department store of Oppenheimer, Collins & Co. in the central shopping district. The loss was estimated at \$500,000. Five firemen were injured in fighting the blaze.

GERMANS SEEK TO HOLD THEIR CABLES

Berlin, May 1.—(By the Associated Press)—Representatives of the German cotton brokers and the Bremen cotton importers have passed resolutions addressed to the government and the national association protesting against the alleged British attempt definitely to seize the fourteen German overseas cables. The cotton men declare that the loss of the independent cables will endanger Germany's overseas trade.

As Hiram Sees It

Mr. Hiram Horton spent some time combing the snow out of his whiskers before he responded yesterday afternoon to the greetings of the reporter.

"Beat all," he said, gazing through the window at the falling blanket of snow. "Here it is the first of May and I'm wearing a hat. I don't wear them hats to tell them Red Cross girls I'm after you. They'll think you're a refugee, and the 'no knowin' what'll happen' I call it. I call it 'no knowin' what'll happen' somebody'd say it 'ud suit you. He'd hit a little bit of talkin' about the neighbors. Of course I wouldn't mind being called by a 'good lookin' head' as you say, but that wouldn't suit the old woman, nuther. Howsoever, here it is. What's new?"

"By Hen!" quoth Hiram. "You said I heard him talk. So far as clothes concerned him an' his might suit, but when it comes to his hat, he's got 'em all beat. I wish he'd stay round a spell. Say—didn't he stick pins in them Canadian girls' hair?"

"Did he stick 'em in you?" asked the reporter.

Hiram gave the question a long look. "Mister," he said, "I don't know any man that wouldn't look down his nose an' do some hard thinkin' when Peter gets out the ax. He'd hit a little bit of talkin' about the neighbors. Of course I wouldn't mind being called by a 'good lookin' head' as you say, but that wouldn't suit the old woman, nuther. Howsoever, here it is. What's new?"

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GET OUT OR PAY THE INCREASED RENT

Nova Scotia Legislature Steps in And Prevents Evictions in Halifax Where Houses Are Scarce

Halifax, N. S., May 1.—At police headquarters this morning it was said that the law is being developed in Halifax this year anticipated in some quarters was not developing.

Transport companies also reported they were meeting with little confusion. There is a shortage of upwards of 1,000 houses in Halifax, and as a result many tenants, it was reported, had refused to pay the increased rents or more out for increasing tenants ready to pay the increase, and yesterday the Nova Scotia legislature passed an act immediate effective in Halifax, though not throughout the province, making eviction impossible in the case of a tenant paying and willing to continue paying a fair rent. The measure has apparently been effective in preventing clashes between outgoing and incoming tenants.

Morning The Synod

Matter of Bible Reading in the Schools

PROTESTANT ORPHANAGE

Resolution of Sympathy With Movement For Extension of Facilities—Laymen's Stipend—Standing Committee Elected

BIG STICK FOR THE REDS IN NEW YORK

No More Leniency After Yesterday's Disclosure of Bomb Conspiracy

"BABE" RUTH IS REPORTED SUSPENDED

SEES BENEFITS FOR THE MANUFACTURERS

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Some Sign of Compromise

CAVALRY IN PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

Provision to Ensure May Day Order in Paris—All Work Suspended But No Disorders Marked The Morning

A Slight Rift in the Italian Cloud

Overtures From Paris for Resumption of Relations Would Not Go Unnoticed—Official Attitude Relative to Fiume Less Insistent

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