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GERMAN GOV'T BUILDING MANY ARMORED CARS; THE DEADLOCK OVER FIUME STILL UNBROKEN; SOVIET GOV'T FOLLOWS TURKEY'S REVOLUTION

DEADLOCK OVER FIUME REMAINS STILL UNBROKEN

Italian Adriatic Demands Cause New Peace Crisis Which Threatens to Become an Insurmountable Obstacle.

ITALIAN DELEGATES BOLT CONFERENCE

Consider it Useless for Them to Take Part in Further Conferences Unless Allies Grant Their Requests.

Italian Situation Remains Unchanged, Say Council of Four

Paris, April 22.—The Italian situation remains unchanged, according to the authoritative announcement after the meeting of the Council of Four today.

The Italian Premier, Vittorio Orlando, while not attending the session of the council, had a series of private conferences, and arranged a meeting with Premier Lloyd George, with a view of seeking a plan of adjustment for the Dalmatian coast, was rejected.

Paris, April 22.—Although the Italian Peace Conference Delegation made no official statement on the subject, a member of the delegation told the Associated Press today that he considered it useless for the Italian delegates to take part in further conferences, unless the Allies were willing to grant their requests.

The Italian Premier, Vittorio Orlando, after the failure of the meeting of the Council of Four, the break between the Italians and the Allies became well defined.

In the meantime, Premier Lloyd George and Clemenceau and President Wilson are busily considering the question of the future of Kioachau with Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda of the Japanese delegation.

The American delegates declare, emphatically, that President Wilson is determined not to yield on the Fiume question. As America is not a party to the London treaty, the President refused to discuss controversies arising out of the Dalmatian coast and other countries covered by the secret treaty signed by Italy, France and Great Britain.

BONA FIDE SOLDIER SETTLERS TO SHARE IN SPECIAL PRICES

Soldiers Who Are Eligible to Secure Benefits Soldiers' Settlement Act But Able to Finance Their Own Transactions, Are Entitled to Special Manufacturers' Prices.

Ottawa, Ont., April 22.—The special prices granted by manufacturers of farm implements, harness and other farm accessories to soldier settlers who apply for the land and loan benefits of the Soldier Settlement Act, will be extended to any bona fide settler, who is eligible to secure the benefits of the act by reason of his military service, but is able to finance his own transactions.

FIRING SQUAD ENDS LIFE OF GEN. ALVAREZ

Was Captured Last Saturday in the Battle in Which Gen. Blanquet of Huerta Cabinet Was Killed.

FACED DEATH WITH UTMOST BRAVERY

Many Friends Visited Him in Prison But None of His Old Companions of the Federal Army Came to See Him.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, April 22. (By The A. P.)—General Francisco Alvarez, of the anti-government forces, was executed at 11:30 o'clock this morning. He met death at the hands of a firing squad with the utmost bravery.

General Alvarez was captured here last Saturday in the battle in which General Aureliano Blanquet, minister of war in the Huerta cabinet, was killed.

Many thousands of persons surrounded the barracks when the execution took place. Alvarez had been sentenced to die at an earlier hour, but on orders received from the supreme court the execution was held up. The war department, however, ordered compliance with the sentence of the court martial and the prisoner was brought out to face his executioners.

MONTREAL CARTERS OUT ON STRIKE

Five Thousand Quit Work and the Whole Business Life of the City is Badly Tied up.

Montreal, April 22.—Around five thousand carters are out on strike here and with the refusal of the masters to consider arbitration, settlement of the strike is not in sight.

Tonight delegates from the trade and labor council conferred with the city administrative council, and suggested arbitration. The carters were won over. The masters, however, refused to consider it, nor will they recognize the union, on the ground that the union has already refused substantial offers of increased pay, including one of \$50 a week plus overtime during the busy season to piano movers.

GERMAN GOV'T SAID TO BE BUILDING ARMORED CARS

Paris, April 22. (French Wireless Service)—The German government is building and concealing armored cars, railway engines and guns in Upper Silesia, according to information received by the Munich correspondent of the Journal Desebats. The armored cars, the numbers of several of which have been obtained by the correspondent, are being built in the car works at Gleiwitz. Each car is provided with two small guns. Twenty more have been ordered, and the workmen have been promised a premium if they finish the cars rapidly.

GERMANY WILL SEND DELEGATES AT END OF WEEK

Because of Confusion Over the Arrangements German Cabinet Unable to Have Representatives at Versailles April 25th.

HAVE PLENARY POWER FOR NEGOTIATIONS

Delegates Will Have Complete Freedom of Movement and Unobstructed Means of Communication With Home Government.

Berlin, Monday, April 21. (By The A. P.)—The German cabinet, in a special session this morning, after considering the second telegram from Georges Clemenceau, the French premier, president of the peace conference in Paris, correcting the false impression created by his first note, decided that the peace delegation, originally appointed, should go to Versailles at the end of the present week. It was determined that the date of April 25, first fixed for the arrival of the German representatives at Versailles, could not be adhered to because of the confusion over the arrangements.

WASHINGTON GOV'T TURNS DOWN BIDS

Shipping Board Rejects Offers for Reconstructed Lake Steamers.

Washington, April 22.—All bids received today by the shipping board for four steel re-constructed lake steamers were rejected as being too low and the steamers again advertised for sale. It was stated that the board, in its sale of the war-built merchant fleet, did not intend to sacrifice any vessels merely in order to dispose of them. The prices offered were 49 per cent. of the appraised value.

SPECIAL COMMISSION TO LOOK AFTER THE GERMAN DELEGATES

Paris, April 22.—(By the Associated Press)—The French government has appointed a special military commission to look after the German delegates while in France. The commission is headed by Lieut. Colonel Harlez, with a staff of two majors, three captains and two lieutenants. The commission will meet the German delegates at the frontier and remain with them during their stay at Versailles.

SAYS ARMS FOR DIAZ CAME FROM THE GERMANS IN CITY OF MEXICO

Infernal Machines, Received from Filibusters, Reaching Coast Tampico Oil Region—The Explosives for Blowing up of Trains Running Between Capital and Gulf Coast Received from Same Source.

Mexico City, Tuesday.—(By The Associated Press)—Manuel Cortes, aid to Pedro Gavy, chief lieutenant of Felix Diaz, following his capture in the fight which resulted in the death of General Aureliano Blanquet, War Minister in the cabinet of President Huerta, last week at Chavixtla, State of Vera Cruz, made a statement today in the city of Vera Cruz in which he revealed the means employed by the followers of Diaz to secure explosives for the blowing up of trains between the capital and the Gulf coast.

CONFLICTING WINDS AGAIN HOLD UP FLIGHT

Rival Aviators for the Big Prize Are All Ready for the Hop-off on the First Favorable Sign.

St. John's, Nfld., April 22.—Conflicting winds, which have hitherto frustrated wind-uppers for at least 48 hours, held up again today the plans of Harry G. Hawker, the Australian flyer, and Captain Frederick P. Rayburn, the British rival, to start their long-deferred attempt to fly across the Atlantic.

BLUE BOOK SHOWS WAR EXPENDITURES FOR TWELVE MONTHS

The Last Full Twelve Months Period of the War Cost Canada \$343,836,801.

Ottawa, April 22.—A blue book, tabled in parliament today, gives details of expenditures under the War Appropriations Act during the fiscal year 1918, the last full twelve months period of the war. Total expenditures for the year were \$343,836,801. The expenditure in Canada by the militia department was \$201,258,828, while overseas expenditures amounted to \$142,577,973. Naval defence cost \$9,666,229 during the twelve months period, while the invalided soldiers' commission required \$11,393,654. The remainder of the total was spent by the various other government departments.

JUMPS FROM HOSPITAL WINDOW

Inmate of Yarmouth Institution Makes Leap from Second Story—Has Not Been Found.

Halifax, April 22.—Mrs. John Decker jumped from the second story of the Yarmouth hospital at four o'clock this morning. She was heard to fall on the verandah but was not seen. Diligent search was at once made and has been kept up since, but no clue of her has been found.

Parliament Resumed Its Sittings

Western Members Busy Testing Fiscal Temper of Constituents and Many Failed to Appear.

GOV'T PROGRAMME HEAVIEST IN YEARS

Budget, the Outstanding Feature This Year, Will Not Be Brought Down Until Middle of May.

BLACKLIST HAS BEEN LIFTED FROM DENMARK-SWEDEN

The Embargo List of Imports Has Been Greatly Reduced—Four Permits for These Countries Will Now Be Granted.

Ottawa, April 22.—A cablegram from the Canadian mission in London conveys the information that the embargo list of imports into Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Holland has been greatly reduced. One effect touching a large Canadian export will be that four permits for these countries will now be granted immediately on application to the Canadian Trade Commission, if the application is supported by the number of import guaranties. This is a considerable simplification of procedure.

NEW PENSION BILL PROVIDES SOME BENEFICIAL CHANGES

The Commission Having the Draft in Charge Has Been Giving Careful Study to the Suggestions Made.

Ottawa, April 22.—Some changes in the existing scale of pensions will undoubtedly be provided for in the new pensions bill being drafted by the special committee of the commons on soldiers' pensions which has been at work under the chairmanship of Hon. N. W. Rowell since the beginning of the session. The hearing of evidence has now been concluded and future sittings of the committee will be devoted to the putting of finishing touches to the bill. The preliminary draft of which has already been completed.

CHINO-JAP CLAIMS DEFERRED UNTIL A LATER DATE

Paris, April 22. (Bulletin by The A. P.)—The Council of Four decided today to discontinue its hearings on the Chinese and Japanese claims to rights in Shantung province, and agreed merely to terminate Germany's rights in China in the peace treaty, leaving the settlement of the respective rights of China and Japan to the German concessions until a later date.

THE MILITARY STILL HOLDS THE WHIP HAND

Up to Noon Yesterday There Had Been No Clashes Between the Opposing Factions in the Limerick Strike.

FIVE HUNDRED SPENT NIGHT ON BRIDGE

Went Outside the Military Limits of the City and Were Not Permitted to Return Because They Would Not Show Passes.

Limerick, April 22.—The five hundred strikers who went outside the military limits of the city, yesterday, and who were not permitted to return over the Sarsfield bridge, last evening, because they would not show military permits, spent the night on the bridge and resumed their demonstrations this morning.

The soldiers were still obdurate and would not permit the strikers to cross the bridge.

Up to noon today there had been no clashes between the opposing forces.

The break of day found a worn and hollow-eyed crowd of men and women shivering in the chilly weather. They were taken to cottages on the Clare side of the River Shannon and given breakfast by friends and sympathizers. Some of the older ones had been provided with beds during the night on cottages floors, but most of the crowd spent the night in the open.

The attitude of "passive resistance" was continued during the night by the strikers. The military maintained a strict guard, with large troops of sentries, and the guns on the armored tank were fully manned.

The plan of the strike leaders is to demand entrance into the city without passes in the hope that the military will finally yield and thus bring the pass system to an end. If this plan fails, the leaders say they have other plans to try tonight or tomorrow.

The "treasury notes" issued by the labor council appeared in Limerick today. The notes which will be used for the purchase of food, it was announced, will be redeemed in regular money over a week.

Mayor O'Hara came from his home, four miles away, and conferred with the leading members of the clergy near the Limerick end of the bridge. It is understood he made a formal protest to the commander and asked that the people be allowed to enter but his appeal was in vain. The crowds gathered at the Limerick end of the bridge, but there was no disorder. Some of the marchers, tired out, were grouped under the trees at the Clare end of the bridge, and were singing songs, including the Red Flag. The strikers said they would say all night and all day today, if necessary.