

MONEY END ON THE WAR TAKEN UP

TWO SPECIFIC REPORTS EM-
BRACING FINANCIAL AND
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS

READJUSTMENT OF WAR DEBT SUGGESTED

France Feels That the Heaviest Share
of the Burden Is on Her Shoulders
—Reapportionment of Debt Not Fa-
vorably Considered by Great Brit-
tain, America and Japan.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 1.—The council of the great powers gave consideration to financial and economic questions affecting the treaty of peace and conditions after the war. This subject is taken up after weeks of consideration of territorial questions. It was presented today in two specific reports. One was from the financial and the other was from the economic commission. The financial commission's report was brief, giving the names of the vast financial resources needed in reorganization that are required. It did not embrace reparation and indemnities for the war which are being considered separately.

Decisions Left to Conference.
Most of the headings were presented without recommendation which are left to the council of the plenary conference.

One of the main headings concerned war debts and debts made before the war in enemy countries, and whether they are to be paid or repudiated, and if paid, the matter of priority of payment. Another heading deals with state property in territory taken over, such as state mines and state railroads.

Reapportionment of War Debt.
The most important heading is entitled "Reapportionment of the war debt of allied countries on a fair basis." While not presented in detail this heading opens one of the largest questions presented to the conference.

According to the French point of view the huge debt piled up by the war has fallen unduly on France, which is now carrying the largest per capita load. It is maintained therefore that a certain portion of these allied war debts should be pooled so as to be international obligations instead of being carried alone by France. This is on the theory that the war was not fought only as a defensive measure by France but as an international conflict in which France bore the brunt because of her geographical position. Thus far the proposal to reconsider the war burden has not been favorably considered by the British, American and Japanese members. The British do not wish to add to their burden by taking France's part of the continental burden, while Japan believes she should hold aloof from an European indebtedness.

It was suggested that this apportionment be incorporated in the peace treaty, but because of differences of opinion, this was abandoned and the present section contemplated a reapportionment under the financial section of the League of Nations.

Stabilizing Foreign Exchange.
Another heading of the financial report concerns the method of stabilizing international exchange which has been deranged by war conditions, the issuance of paper currency and other measures.

Another heading is the possibility of inter-allied loans from neutral states, as it is understood that neutrals have large sums of money which may assist in the readjustment of the world's finances.

COLLEGE DEFEATS HIGH SCHOOL

WALLA WALLA, March 1.—The Washington State college freshmen defeated the Walla Walla high school basketball team here tonight by a score of 48 to 24.

CONGRESSMAN IS UNSEATED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Republicans of the House after a debate voted 173 to 171 to unseat Representative Sebastian Weaver, Democratic member of South Carolina, in favor of J. J. Britt, Republican.

ACCUSED OF CROOKED WORK

PATTISON CASE IS AGAIN UP IN
PORTLAND.

Defendant Is Charged With Issuing
Bogus Bills of Lading and Pledg-
ing Forged Securities.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 1.—The spectacular case of J. A. Pattison, lumber mill promoter and operator, is again up for consideration and the commercial section of the northwest watches developments with a great deal of interest.

Pattison was accused of issuing bogus bills of lading to financial institutions, claiming that he had lumber from his mill in transit and thereby securing money on the bogus paper. He also is said to have hypothecated forged securities. He is out on \$10,000 bail.

WILSON QUIET ON THIRD TERM

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Regarding the reports that President Wilson told Democratic committeemen who lunched with him yesterday that he would not accept the nomination for a third term, it was stated at the White House that the subject was not discussed. The president merely remarked that he yearned to get back to writing and intended compiling a history.

Some gained the impression that he meant to retire to private life after this term. They also said the president evinced deep feeling against the opponents of the League of Nations. He thought it should be an American and not a partisan issue, but if the Republican state committee should reject the proposal to endorse the league, the Democratic state committee would be free to act independently.

German Influence Still Felt in Many Lines of Business, Says Palmer

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A. Mitchell Palmer, who has been custodian of enemy property during the war period and who has lately been appointed to take his seat March 4th, in a report transmitted today on administration of enemy property worth \$700,000,000, stated that continued attention must be given the work he has been on in order to combat the influence of large German interests and that it is necessary in order to protect the commercial interests of America. The report is a bulky document and tells of German influence in many lines of business.

Women Appointed to Open Campaign for the Republican Party

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, has announced the following ladies appointed to open the campaign for the Republican party: Miss Maude Wetmore, Newport, R. I.; Mrs. Thomas J. Carter, formerly of Montana, but now a resident of Washington, D. C.; and Mrs. J. G. South of Kentucky.

332D INFANTRY IS STILL IN ITALY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A cablegram from a military attaché at Rome announced that the 332d American infantry has been ordered to be concentrated at Genoa. It has been divided between Cattaro, Fiume and Trieste. General March said that no orders have yet been issued for the regiment's return to the United States.

SHIPYARD WORKERS TAKE A LAY-OFF

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 1.—The shipyard employees arbitrarily took a half holiday here this afternoon and employers asserted they would not employ any of them. This action was taken in order to denounce the stand taken by the employees. Dr. Marshall, representative of the Emergency Fleet corporation, started for Philadelphia today after a survey of conditions on the coast shipyards.

GERMANY'S DELEGATES TO ATTEND

DEFEATED POWER IS ALLOWED
REPRESENTATION AT THE
PEACE CONFERENCE.

PROPOSED TRIP TO ANTWERP ABANDONED

It Is Expected That a Definite Point
Will Be Reached in the Peace Treaty
Between April 1st and 10th—Repa-
ration Committee Will Report Huge
Sums for Damages.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 1.—As a result of the exchange of cable messages between President Wilson and the American delegation plans have been completed for the return of President Wilson to Paris and for the assembling thereafter of the peace conference with German delegates present. The president planned to have the George Washington land him at Antwerp and he would then visit devastated regions of Belgium and France, meeting Premier Lloyd George in Paris.

Colonel House talked to Lloyd George today and learned that the premier was obliged to be in London March 22 and the plan of President Wilson's was then abandoned.

He will land at Brest March 13th or 14th and come direct to Paris. Both the prime minister and President Wilson will reach Paris about the same time and with other representatives of the great powers will take up the peace treaty, the session lasting until March 22nd, when Lloyd George will depart for London, and Wilson will visit the devastated regions.

The peace treaty will probably reach a point during the conference that will follow before either Lloyd George or President Wilson is forced to leave. It is expected that a decision will be reached between April 1st and 10th.

Navy, economic and financial features will be formulated as soon as possible and the reparation committee, it is understood, will report on huge sums for damages.

HALF BILLION FOR GOOD ROADS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Approximately half a billion dollars will be spent on the highways of the country during the coming season, thus giving employment to 100,000 men, according to the estimate of the department of agriculture, which was made public today at a conference between Secretary Huston and the highway department.

APPEAL MADE FOR IRELAND

CONGRESS IS ASKED TO TAKE
UP THE CAUSE.

Rules Committee Will Make Resolu-
tion in Behalf of Ireland—Or-
der Before Adjournment

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A delegation of prominent citizens of Irish descent, after holding a convention in Philadelphia, appealed to the house committee in congress to give right of way to a resolution instructing the American delegates at the peace conference to take up Ireland's cause before the conference. The delegation was headed by Daniel Cahan of New York.

The rules committee agreed to report out a rule making the resolution an order in the house before adjournment. Later the delegation met in Washington and called at the White House to see the president and read him the resolution. They were forced to read it to the secretary and were informed that the executive would see them in New York next Tuesday evening after his address on the League of Nations to be given in that city.

Tonight J. B. Graves, a former banker of South Carolina, and a member of the delegation, said: "All through the war America was fighting to establish the security of the small nation against the strong."

"America acknowledges she owes more to Ireland in the days of the revolution than to any other country or to all other countries combined."

Horne Plunkett, who was at the Irish convention, said today: "Shall Ireland rule herself, or shall she depend to a certain extent upon other countries? An Irish republic at present is not practical."

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRISTIANITY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 1.—A world-wide campaign for Christianity as an offset to Bolshevism is a necessity, according to Chairman Reimer of the Methodist conference in session here. An aggressive campaign is planned by the Methodists.

"Democracy is yet unsafe," Reimer declared, "and the way to make it safe is to combat Bolshevism with Christianity."

Next month a drive will be started to raise \$2,000,000 and Frank Jackson will direct the campaign. Portland will be headquarters for handling the drive in the inland empire.

DEMOCRAT IS LEAGUE OBJECTOR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Senator Hardwick of Georgia, Democrat, attacked the League of Nations today, saying: "It would require the conscription of our sons to police the world."

STRIKERS TO CONFER IN TACOMA

JOINT SESSION OF THE METAL
TRADES WORKERS TO BE
HELD TODAY.

WILL DISCUSS QUESTION OF RESUMING WORK

Head of the Seattle Council Says
They Will Consider and Take Ac-
tion on a Telegram From Frater-
nal Representative of Direc-
tor Piez of the Fleet Corporation.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, March 1.—A joint session of the three metal trades unions, which are out on strike and have been for several weeks and which strike was the prime movement in the celebrated Seattle strike of a short time ago, will convene in Tacoma Sunday at which time representatives of the different councils will take up the matter of returning to work. Bert Wayne of the Seattle council issued a statement saying they would consider and take action on a telegram from Dr. A. G. Marshall, fraternal representative of Director Piez of the fleet corporation.

Conference Held in Seattle

SEATTLE, March 1.—Striking shipyard men's representatives went into a conference today to consider a referendum vote on the question of returning to work. They may defer final action until their meeting at Tacoma tomorrow.

HOUSE PASSES THE LUXURY TAX REPEAL

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The house today passed and sent to the senate a resolution providing for the repeal of the luxury tax clause of the war revenue bill which imposed a 10 per cent tax after May 1st on higher priced clothing and many other articles.

SHIP ORDER IS REINSTATED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 1.—Reinstatement orders were received here today from the federal shipping board for two steel ships which were recently cancelled at the Northwest Steel company's yards. Of the twenty contracts cancelled ten have been reinstated.

TROOPS NEARLY UPSET THE BOAT

RUSH TO STARBOARD CAUSED
TRANSPORT TO CAREEN.

Returning Soldiers Anxious to Meet
Relatives and Friends Waiting
at Vessel's Side.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 1.—The transport Sobral, which arrived today from Brest, nearly capsized while being docked when over twenty-five hundred troops massed themselves on the starboard side to greet relatives and friends who had come on barges alongside the vessel. The transport listed fifteen degrees.

The captain threatened to have the fire hose turned on the troops when they showed reluctance to go to the port side. The ship's pumps were set to working and the transport righted.

FOUNDRY MEN ARE BEATEN UP

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SEATTLE, March 1.—Strikers beat up a number of foundry workmen here today. Deputy sheriffs have been called out but can find no one responsible for the trouble.

A strike was declared Monday at a local foundry and since that time the company operating the plant has been running it as an open shop. It is thought this is the reason for the development of the trouble.

PAINTERS STRIKE IN SPOKANE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SPOKANE, March 1.—About a hundred union painters struck today for an increase in wages from six to seven dollars a day.

FULL REPORT OF DEATHS IN BATTLE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Total deaths in battle during the war among all participants as far as statistics are available, show 7,354,000. General March announced today. This represents only men killed in action or who died of wounds. Russia led with 1,700,000; Germany was second, with 1,600,000. The United States was last with 50,000. France had 1,355,000; England 800,000; Italy, 400,000.

General March announced that of the total of 3918 distinguished service crosses awarded for gallantry to Americans, 664 or more than double the number given to any other division, went to the Second regulars. The First division was next and the Third division was third.

Soldiers Request the Immediate Release of All Political Prisoners

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—A petition signed by 240 soldiers and sailors who have been actively engaged in overseas service, requesting immediate release of all political prisoners now held in prison because of their refusal to take part in the war because of their expressions of opinion at first as to the part this country played, was presented to Secretary of War Baker today and transmitted by him to President Wilson.

HOUSE HELD A LONG SESSION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—After being in session continuously for twelve hours the house of representatives recessed under an agreement.

GEM. GOETHALS HAS RETIRED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Major General Goethals has returned to private life as a retired army officer.

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LOAN BILL WILL NOT BE HELD UP

FILIBUSTERING PROPOSAL IS
DEFEATED BY A VOTE
OF 15 TO 12.

SOME SENATORS STILL DISPOSED TO FIGHT

Prominent Republicans Predicted That
the Victory Loan Bill Would Pass:
Also the Wheat Guarantee and the
\$750,000,000 for the Railway Admin-
istration.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Despite desires of some Republican senators to block the Victory loan bill in an effort to force President Wilson to call an early extra session of congress both Republican and Democratic leaders predicted late tonight that the measure would be passed possibly before the night session of the senate ended.

A motion by Senator France of Maryland to filibuster against the loan bill was defeated by a vote of 15 to 12, with many of the senators refraining from voting, including La Follette of Wisconsin and Norris of Nebraska, who did not attend.

Senator Sherman of Illinois left the room in the midst of the conference and told that he had given notice that because of the evident disposition to force an extra session and call the president's bluff he was disposed not to return to Washington after March 4th.

The net result of the conference, according to Republicans, was that several senators who favored a filibuster were in a position to proceed, but without the approval of the party council. Some of the senators indicated tonight that they were disposed to obstruct the measure despite the majority being apparently against such action. Other Republicans declared they would not be a party to any obstructive tactics and on the contrary would assist the Democrats in passing the bill. Several prominent Republicans predicted the measure would be passed. They also predicted that the wheat guarantee and the railway administration legislation would be enacted, but said there was little prospect of passing any other bills.

When consideration of the bond measure began Senator Kenyon of Iowa offered an amendment providing for the placing of Theodore Roosevelt's portrait on the bonds and certificates of indebtedness created under the bill, but action on it was postponed.

Four Favor Delay.
WASHINGTON, March 1.—Democratic leaders of the senate stoutly claim that the progress of the Victory loan was temporarily blocked by La Follette, who insisted on speaking at length. The senator denies any attempt to filibuster. Senator Sherman of Illinois had planned to follow La Follette and Senator France also expected to speak. An unofficial poll of the senate disclosed only four senators in favor of a filibuster.

PROTESTS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Mar. 1.—Governor Withycombe has received numerous protests against signing the Rogue river fishing bill, and the bill prohibiting injunctions against labor organizations.

SCHNEIDEMANN IS REPORTED OUT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, March 1.—A further revolutionary movement in Germany is imminent, according to a report from Holland. Chancellor Schneidemann is reported to have resigned.

OREGON TEAM BEATS AGGIES

EUGENE, Ore., March 1.—The University of Oregon basketball team defeated the O. A. C. team this afternoon by a score of 28 to 23, giving the university the undisputed right to meet the California winners. The winning team in this contest will decide the championship of the Pacific coast.

