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WILL BALK IF TREATY IS LOADED

ERZBERGER SAYS THE GERMANS
CANNOT SANCTION ANYTHING
BEYOND THE 14 POINTS.

NO OBLIGATION FOR ACTS SINCE DECEMBER 1918

Declares There Is No Moral Obligation
on Germany Aside From That
of Belgium and That in the Latter
Case "Germany Would Act Honestly."

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
COPENHAGEN, March 17.—"If the
allies have loaded the peace treaty
with conditions going beyond Wilson's
fourteen points, the German national
assembly would have to refuse to
accept," Matthias Erzberger told a
Berlin meeting in favoring the formation
of a League of Nations.

He said the matter then would be
left to a referendum of the German nation.
Erzberger disclaimed Germany's
obligation to compensate for acts she
committed after the first peace offer
in December, 1918.

He said the German people have
confidence in Wilson and declared there
was no moral obligation upon Germany
regarding compensation aside
from the case of Belgium and in that
case "Germany would act honestly."

BOLSHEVIKIS FLEE IN PANIC

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Post-
master General Burleson's authority
to increase telephone rates will be
determined by the supreme court
which has granted to the state of
Kansas permission to institute pro-
ceedings to question the validity of
order. The court has ordered a re-
turn to be made at the next term
in October.

ATTEMPT MISCARRIES
COPENHAGEN, March 17.—Another
attempt has been made against the
life of Nikolai Lenin, the Russian
Bolshevik premier, at Moscow, accord-
ing to reports received here. Shots
were fired at Lenin, but he was not
injured. His chauffeur was wounded.

DISCUSS RHINE NAVIGATION
PARIS, March 17.—The peace con-
ference commission on the interna-
tional regime of ports, waterways
and railways, at a plenary session
Saturday continued its consideration
of clauses to be inserted in the treaty
of peace in regard to the navigation
of the Rhine.

\$1,000,000 FIRE IN GEORGIA
ATLANTA, Ga., March 17.—The
Southern Railway freight transfer
at Inman yards near here was destroyed
by fire early Sunday night. The
damage is estimated by railroad officials
at \$1,000,000.

DEALER IN KISSES AND HUGS TAKEN INTO COURT

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 17.—
Fay Newcomb, nineteen-year-old
youth arrested on the charge of sol-
iciting, proved to be a dealer in "hugs
and kisses," according to a card
found on him which read "Stock
holder in the National Bank of Good
Times. Let's go. Capital of \$5,000.
000 (to get) and want an assistant.
Heaven is my home. Here on a short
visit. Fay Bradley, jobber and dealer
in hugs, kisses and up-to-date
lovin'. Sole owner of Lov's Lane.
All others impostors." The "jobber
and dealer" has been ordered before
the court for mental examination.

ROBBER HAS MADE ESCAPE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
GOLDHILL, March 17.—Clyde
"Red" Baker, former inmate who
escaped from the Northwestern Bank
of Portland of \$100,000 of Liberty bonds
a year ago, escaped from the lime
camp of John Hardy, also from
Multnomah county.

MINISTER REINSCH REPORTS THAT TROUBLE AT TIEN TSIN IS QUIETED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Min-
ister Reinsch at Peking has advised
the state department that all is
quiet at Tien Tsin following the
trouble between American soldiers
and the Japanese. He said he was
sending a full report of the incident
by mail. The department instructed
him to report all the main facts by
cable immediately.

Japan Also to Blame
PEKING, March 17.—While early
reports from Tien Tsin suggested
that American marines were to
blame for the recent disorders there,
later reports would seem to show
that the Japanese were also at
fault.

It is claimed that Japanese mili-
tary guards entered the French con-
cessions and there seized two Ameri-
cans and when American officials
inquired of the Japanese police
authorities if any Americans were
being detained they were given a
negative answer, according to a re-
port. Later, American officials
found two Americans in a police sta-
tion, one of them lying almost naked
in the yard, calling for water. The
Japanese were induced to send

the injured man to a hospital and an
American consular refused to leave the
station until the other man, a cor-
poral, had been released. This de-
mand was finally granted. The
American consul was stoned by Jap-
anese as he drove away from the
station, it is said.

Were Soldiers, Not Marines
WASHINGTON, March 17.—Col.
Theodore P. Kane, commanding the
American legation marine guard at
Peking, reported Sunday that marines
were not involved in the disturbance
at Tien Tsin which the American
minister is investigating. He said
the trouble was between soldier and
Japanese, which accords with the as-
sumption in official quarters here
that members of the 15th regular in-
fantry stationed at Tien Tsin, were
confused with marines in early ac-
counts of the affair.
The state department is awaiting
further advice from Minister
Reinsch before taking any step in
regard to the report that the Jap-
anese consular was raided. The
minister cabled Saturday that he had
sent First Secretary Spencer to
Tien Tsin to report.

MUST ACCEPT WITHOUT TALK

BONAR LAW SAYS THERE WILL
BE NO SECRECY.

German Delegates Will Be Called to
Versailles When the Associated
Powers Have Agreed.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
LONDON, March 17.—Andrew Bon-
nar Law told the house of commons
today that there is no foundation for
the report that secrecy will be en-
joined in the presentation to Germany
of the draft of the peace terms due to
the divergence of opinions on the sub-
ject of the League of Nations.

Must Accept Without Talk.
PARIS, March 17.—The present de-
termination in peace conference circles
is that, after the allied and associated
powers have reached a complete un-
derstanding regarding the conditions
to be imposed on Germany, the Ger-
man delegates will be called to Ver-
sailles, but they will not be allowed
to discuss the conditions, the intention
of the allied and associated powers being
to dictate peace.

Either the German delegates must
accept the terms and sign, or a state
of war will continue. The general
opinion here is that in view of the
internal situation in Germany, the
delegates of that country will accept,
rather than expose the country to a
graver risk and more drastic mea-
sures.

OLD SUITCASES FILLED WITH GEMS; FINDER DIDN'T KNOW IT

ATLANTIC CITY, March 17.—A
fortunate man is Dr. Herbert Conover
of Barnegat. For finding two worn
suitcases, apparently ready for the
junk heap, he receives the tidy fee of
\$2000. This is how it happened:
Driving along the road to this city
from Barnegat Dr. Conover noticed
two old suitcases in the road. Instinctively
he reached for them and threw
them in the back of his car. Upon his
arrival home the physician tossed
them into the attic.

Several days later an advertisement
appeared in the local papers announc-
ing that George F. Megher, a New
York broker, had lost two suitcases
containing gems valued at between
\$20,000 and \$25,000. Dr. Conover's
daughter called the attention of the
household to the notice.
The physician promptly recalled his
"find," and notified the owner that his
prized suitcases reposed serenely in
the Conover attic. Upon the recovery
of the same Megher forwarded Dr.
Conover a check for \$2000 as a token
of his delight and appreciation.

ALLIED COMMISSIONERS RETURN TO PARIS

PARIS, March 17.—Several of the
members of the allied commis-
sioning with the taking over of the
German merchant fleet and the re-
victualing of Germany have returned
to Paris. It is learned that pay-
ment for the food supplies will be
made on the basis of exportation.
The Germans will have the right to
export to certain products, the
receipt from which will go to pay
for the products delivered to Ger-
many.

DESTROYING BOMBS

American Army of Occupation Busy
Cleaning Up Ammunition Dumps

TREVES, March 17.—Zeppelin
bombs of uncertain age and manufac-
ture have been destroyed by the hun-
dreds recently by American soldiers
engaged in "cleaning up" after the
withdrawal of the enemy. These
bombs, of no practical use, owing to
long exposure to the weather, were
found near a hangar in the region of
Treves when the American army of
occupation crossed into Rhenish Prus-
sia from the Luxembourg border.
The task of destroying thousands of
tons of old, and in many instances
worthless, German shells began sev-
eral weeks ago, the explosives being
placed in great pits and covered with
steel rails and wood and piles of earth
and fired by electricity.
Thousands of anti-aircraft shells
also have been destroyed on the sum-
mit of a ridge of hills skirting the
Moselle in this vicinity and ordnance
experts in charge of the work expect
to finish their work here soon and
then move on to other German am-
munition dumps awaiting their attention
along the Rhine and other parts of the
occupied territory.

BOLSHEVIKI MEET DEFEAT

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
ARCHANGEL, March 17.—A futile
attack by the Bolsheviks on Friday
on the allied and American forces
comprised the first serious attempt
to cut the line of communications of
the Dvina and Vaga columns, was
frustrated and the Bolsheviks suf-
fered a severe defeat and heavy loss.

NEW COMMANDANT TAKES POSITION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SALEM, March 17.—Captain James
P. Shaw, the new commandant of the
soldiers' home, left today for Rose-
burg.

CHINA HAS FEARS OF BOLSHEVIKS

ORGANIZATION SAID TO BE IN
PROGRESS IN PETROGRAD TO
CARRY PROPAGANDA

OBJECT TO FOMENT REVOLUTIONARY CHANGE

Chinese Government Is Taking Vig-
orous Measures to Prevent the
Establishment of Soviets—Sixty
Thousand Members Reported in
the Movement.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PEKING, March 7.—The Chinese
government is warmed up over the
reported formation of a Workman's
organization in Petrograd with sixty
thousand members to carry revolu-
tionary propaganda in China with the
view of the establishment of the rule
of soviets in that country.
The government is taking vigor-
ous measures to check the movement
and to circumvent the spreading of
the Bolshevik propaganda.

EX-EMPEROR HAS BEEN SAWING LOGS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
AMERONGEN, Holland, March 17.—
Former Emperor William has com-
pleted sawing into logs his thousandth
tree since taking refuge here. Souve-
nirs were made from the logs for
those who helped in the conflict.

FRENCH ARE IN FRANKFORT

BERLIN, March 17.—The British
and French forces are reported to
have advanced their outposts from the
limits of their present bridgeheads at
Cologne and Mainz, respectively. The
French have penetrated into the cor-
porate limits of Frankfurt.

WANT PEACE NOW

France Little Interested in the Pro-
posed League of Nations.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
BUENOS AIRES, March 17.—Pres-
ident Wilson's return to Paris is con-
trasted with his reception in Decem-
ber in a dispatch from Paris to La
Prensa as follows:
"The people of France no longer
are disposed to make noisy demonstra-
tions after watching months pass with
nothing substantial done. France
takes little interest in the League of
Nations which is not a popular sub-
ject. France sees in it only a more or
less problematical guarantee of future
peace. The people of France are more
interested in the present than in the
future and want peace at once, after
which they are willing to consider the
measures for the future."

SMALLPOX CASE REPORTED

The home of Frank Cleavinger, lo-
cal transfer man, 592 Third street,
was placed under quarantine for
smallpox this afternoon. Mr. Cleav-
inger, himself, having come down
with the disease. This is the only
case of smallpox known in the city
at the time.

KOREAN UPRISING RESULTS IN A HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
SHANGHAI, March 17.—Thirty
persons were killed and forty wounded
at Suigheum, Korea, on March 4,
according to a translation of an ac-
count of the disorders in that coun-
try published in a Japanese news-
paper at Seoul and translated by the
Reuters Agency.
At the village of Suheung, south
of Pingyang, four gendarmes fired
on a mob until their ammunition
was exhausted, 51 persons being
killed, the account states. "A mob
eventually killed the gendarmes. At
Yangdok 20 rioters were slain in an
engagement. The activities of girl
students throughout the demonstra-

tions in Korea are emphasized by
the newspaper, which makes particu-
lar mention of the fact that at Anju,
two Korean gendarmes discovered
their uniforms, joined a crowd and
shouted "long live Korea." The Jap-
anese guards thereupon fired, eight
persons being killed and 30 wound-
ed, four mortally.
The localities mentioned in the
foregoing dispatch would seem to in-
dicate that the disorders in Korea
are centering in Pingyang province,
on the north and western side of
Korea. The principal city in the
province is Pingyang, which has a
population of 75,000.

WALLOWA CREAMERY CHANGES HANDS

H. A. Fox Sells Building and Machin-
ery to Jake Clemens.

A deal whereby the Wallowa Valley
Cream company changes hands and
Jake Clemens becomes proprietor was
put through this week by Couch &
Tulley, the real estate men, says the
Wallowa Sun.

A little over a year ago H. A. Fox
bought the creamery from Mr. Clem-
ens, running it until last fall, when
he leased the plant to the Henningson
Produce company of Portland.

The Henningson Produce company
will continue operating the plant for
ninety days at least, when their con-
tract expires, and will turn the build-
ing and machinery over to Mr. Clem-
ens.

In a conversation with Mr. DeForest
he stated that his company had one or
two deals under consideration, and if
they did not put in a plant for the
manufacture of butter they might put
in a condenser.

In all events he said that they would
keep a cream station here.

Mr. Clemens has run the plant off
and on for several years and always
had a good cream business. His many
old customers will be glad that he is
going again into the business.

WEATHER FORECAST.

PORTLAND, March 17.—For Ore-
gon: Rain. Southerly gales along
the coast.

AUTHORITY TO BE DETERMINED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
COPENHAGEN, March 17.—The
Lettish offensive in the Mita region
is developing successfully. The Letts
have taken the towns of Kandau, Za-
beln, Shagory, Grenzett, Weitenfeld
and Alautz. They threaten to cut off
the retreat of the Bolsheviks in north-
eastern Courland to Mita and Riga. The
Bolsheviks are reported to be retreat-
ing in a panic.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 17.—
Wounded, gassed and shell-shocked,
and after having been in fourteen
different hospitals, Sergeant Benja-
min C. Schill has returned to his
home in this city wearing the Croix
de Guerre and red and green citation
cords, with the honor of having
received fourteen citations with his
regiment. "I want to tell you about
last Thanksgiving," he laughed.
"Our turkey was gassed. But we ate
him. Yes, we washed Mr. Gobbler
off with chloride of lime and, say,
he was some bird."

AMERICAN "ACE" KILLED

SEABREESE, Fla., March 17.—
Major David McK. Peterson, one of
America's officially recognized "aces"
was killed Sunday in the fall of his
airplane at Daytona beach. Major
Peterson was a member of the La-
fayette squadron where he was un-
officially credited with bringing down
eighteen German machines.

HAUL DOWN GERMAN FLAG

SANTIGO, Chile, March 17.—
Crews of German steamers interned
in Chilean waters were forced Satur-
day to lower their flags by military
guards under orders of the minister
of war. The ships, it has been an-
nounced, will be turned over to the
United States.

MURDER RED CROSS DELEGATE

LONDON, March 17.—The Bolsh-
eviki have executed a Swedish Red
Cross delegate, Sven Edslohn, at
Kharkov, according to a Stockholm
dispatch to the Central News.

2483 GERMANS VICTIMS

COPENHAGEN, March 17.—Seven
hundred and twenty-nine persons
were killed and 176 were injured in
aerial attacks by allied forces on
German territory up to November 6,
1918, according to official figures
made public in Berlin.

ED RUMBLE DIED THIS MORNING

WELL-KNOWN BUSINESS MAN
FELL DEAD IN GYMNASIUM
IN PORTLAND

RESIDENT OF JOSEPH FOR MANY YEARS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 17.—Edward
W. Rumble, general manager of the
Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse com-
pany in Portland, fell dead this morn-
ing while exercising in a gymnasium.
He was formerly in business in Elgin
and in Wallowa county. His parents
live in Joseph, Ore.

E. W. Rumble was a well-known
business man of both Union and Wal-
lowa counties, and the report of his
death will be received with deep re-
gret. He was the only son of Mr. and
Mrs. J. A. Rumble, who are pioneer
residents of Joseph. Their son and
his wife were in Joseph on a visit only
about a week ago. At that time there
was no alarm as to their son's health,
though he had been under a course of
treatment to reduce flesh.

"Ed" Rumble, as he was known
everywhere, was for many years asso-
ciated with E. D. and J. D. McCully in
the general merchandising business in
Joseph. He afterward became inter-
ested in the warehouse and forwarding
business and also had the mail and ex-
press route from Elgin before the rail-
road was extended to Joseph. Later
he was associated with the Bolton-Bod-
mer company of La Grande. In more
recent years he has been in the ware-
house and forwarding line with head-
quarters in Portland. He was every-
where known as an active and progres-
sive business man.

He was a member of the alumni of
the old Blue Mountain university and
a member of La Grande lodge, No. 433,
Benevolent and Protective Order of
Elks.

CARBOLIC ACID "CHASED" BY MILK IS NEW DRINK

LEWISBURG, W. Va., March 17.—
"Jes" a few drinks of "carbolac bone"
yer honoh," confessed Jim Smith, a
negro, in Circuit Court, when plead-
ing to a charge of intoxication.

"But 'carbolac bone' ain't no likker,"
he protested. "Jes" some milk, 'lll
natured" alcohol and carbolac acid."

And so Jim Smith revealed a new
"prohibition" drink, taken, however,
only by the most courageous.
Smith explained that it was found
that carbolac acid is used to dena-
ture alcohol and that milk is an
antidote for carbolac acid poisoning.
So the usual process is reversed and
a swallow of milk followed the drink
of denatured alcohol in the nature
of "chaser" or "rinse."
"Carbolac bone" might not be, "lick-
er," commented one court attend-
ant, "but it certainly is some high
powered beverage."

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT HAS WEEK OF BUSY DAYS

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe, county school
superintendent, reports a busy week
at her office last week. A circular
letter was sent out to all teachers,
announcing next 8th grade examina-
tion and other necessary infor-
mation. Added to the regular work of
the office the text-books are being
read and studied. "Mrs. Ivanhoe
says, 'My one diversion and recrea-
tion is the reading of good books.'"

THREE YEARS AND \$10,000

(By Associated Press to The Observer)
PORTLAND, March 17.—Henry Al-
bers was sentenced in the federal court
today to three years' imprisonment on
McNeil's Island and to pay a fine of
\$10,000, following his conviction of vi-
olation of the espionage act.

