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FINAL PLAN FOR LEAGUE SATURDAY

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL BE
CHAIRMAN OF MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION.

ALL PROPOSED CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED

Lord Robert Cecil and Former Attorney General Gregory are undertaking to draft the provisions relative to the Monroe Doctrine That Will Be Satisfactory.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, March 20.—President Wilson will be chairman of a meeting of the League of Nations commission to be held Saturday when all the proposed amendments and changes will be considered and the league plan put into definite form.

Lord Robert Cecil and Former Attorney General Gregory are among those seeking to draft provisions relative to the Monroe doctrine in such form as to meet the approval of the legal experts.

NEARLY ONE-HALF OF U. S. ARMY OFFICERS DISCHARGED

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Of the 188,434 officers of the army on duty when the armistice was signed, 83,409 had been discharged up to March 13. A war department announcement on Wednesday showed that of these, 35,499 were infantry officers, 15,580 medical officers, 12,449 aircraft officers and 10,758 field artillery officers.

FAILS TO SUPPORT WIFE; GETS YEAR IN JAIL

Henry J. Williamson, who was indicted by the grand jury here before the recent term of circuit court, was sentenced yesterday by Circuit Judge Knowles to spend one year in jail. The charge against Williamson was that he had failed to support his wife and family.

NEGOTIATIONS AGAIN PUT OFF

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, March 20.—Negotiations between the inter-allied commission and German representatives at Posen have been again interrupted. It is understood that the German high command is in open conflict with the Berlin cabinet and will not respect the Polish armistice.

PORTLAND MAKES INITIAL PLEDGES

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, March 20.—The \$22,000 was pledged at the initial meeting of the Portland share for a permanent live stock exposition building.

ROSE FESTIVAL WANTS SLOGAN

ENTRIES MUST BE SUBMITTED
BY MARCH 31.

Flight of Military Airplanes Is to Be Made from Los Angeles to Portland During Rose Show

PORTLAND, Oregon, March 20.—Included in the elaborate plans for a monster celebration of the Victory Rose Festival here, June 11, 12 and 13, 1919, is a flight by military airplanes from the government field at Los Angeles to Portland where an air meet is to be held.

The festival directors have secured encouragement from the war department and final arrangements will be made next month. It is expected. General Bruce B. Disque, who was in command of the spruce work for the government, endorses the project and the war department has indicated that the wishes of the directors will be met when the time comes.

The Victory festival will excel any that Portland has offered in the past for it is to be a dual event. Those returning from the great war will find a tremendous welcome and the annual features of the annual festival will be augmented by a street carnival extending over many blocks and a festival center where the flowers of the world will bloom in profusion during the three days of tribute to the rose.

A series of military pageants will be included in the program and the annual inspection of the Portland police department, coupled with an extensive demonstration of safety first work will be one of the features for the opening day.

The directors have offered a cash prize of \$15 for the best slogan of seven words and a \$25 cash prize for the most appropriate poster. All entries must be submitted to the festival headquarters, 218 Pittcock block, Portland, Oregon, not later than 5 p. m. March 31st.

BRITISH FAVOR WORLD LEAGUE

CONSIDERED A PLAN TO MAKE
WAR IMPOSSIBLE

General Maurice, Former Military Director, Declares That There Is Hope in Organization.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, March 20.—Because "there is some hope of making war impossible through a league of nations, but no hope of doing it any other way," Major General Sir Frederick Maurice, former director of military operations of the British general staff, declared here Wednesday night that he favored the project. The general, who held his military portfolio from 1915 to the early part of 1918, added his opinion that "a great majority" of the British people were enthusiastic for the league plan.

Arriving in this country for a stay of several months, General Maurice told interviewers that for the first time in history the British people had been at war, "and they don't like it." Previous conflicts involving the empire, he said, had been fought "with the fleet, and a proportionately small army," but this time the whole nation had been engaged. For every American mother who had lost a son, he added, fifteen British and twenty French mothers were in mourning for the same cause, and this had a tremendous influence on popular sentiment, at least in Great Britain, for an instrumentality offering a chance of preventing future wars.

In France, where Sir Frederick recently traveled extensively, he asserted the desire was paramount to make Germany impotent as security for France's future safety. But he predicted that as soon as the terms of the league covenant were settled, French opinion would be more favorable than at present.

The general reported England "almost unanimously opposed to conscription," but that it would be necessary for a few months, to replace the regular army diminished by the war.

RUMOR OF CLEMENCEAU'S RESIGNATION IS DENIED

PARIS, March 20.—A rumor Wednesday that Premier Clemenceau had resigned the portfolio of minister of war was officially denied Wednesday evening.

ADMITS SHE POISONED HER RIVAL

RUTH GARRISON, AGED 18, CONFESSES RESPONSIBILITY
FOR WOMAN'S DEATH

HUSBAND INCLINED TO TREAT MATTER LIGHTLY

Death Followed Eating a Poisoned Fruit Cocktail in a Seattle Restaurant—Expected Arrival of Husband Is Delayed—Is Calm Over the Affair.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SEATTLE, March 20.—Dudley M. Storrs of Okanogan, Wash., an automobile mechanic whose wife died in a restaurant here Tuesday after having eaten a poisoned fruit cocktail, is expected to arrive in Seattle today.

Miss Ruth Garrison yesterday confessed to putting poison in the cocktail because Mrs. Storrs was her rival for Storrs' affection.

Miss Garrison, who is 18 years of age, is quite calm and appears to be only anxious to know if Storrs still loves her.

Husband Doubts Guilt.

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 20.—Dudley Storrs was here last night en route to Seattle when he learned of his wife's death. He expressed doubt as to Ruth Garrison's confession, saying that if she made it it was only to escape the tortures of the "third degree."

"I am satisfied that my wife took her own life, fulfilling a threat she had repeatedly made," Storrs denied that Ruth Garrison had spent any time on the Okanogan lake with him. He registered here under an assumed name and appeared to be undisturbed over the affair.

Has Not Reached Seattle.

SEATTLE, March 20.—Dudley Storrs was not on the train on which he was expected to arrive from Wenatchee today.

URGE LLOYD GEORGE TO REMAIN IN PARIS

Clemenceau and Wilson Believe Vital Issues Will Be Settled Within Next Fortnight.

PARIS, March 20.—A letter signed by President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau and Orlando was handed to Premier Lloyd George Tuesday afternoon, strongly urging him to postpone a fortnight his return to England, in view of the urgency of the problems before the peace conference. Mr. Lloyd George will submit the letter to the British cabinet and it is understood will act in accordance to its views.

The letter read as follows: "It seems to us imperative, in order that the world may wait no longer for peace that you remain in Paris until the chief questions connected with peace are settled, and we earnestly beg you to do so. If you can arrange to remain another two weeks we hope and believe this all-important result can be obtained."

"We write this with full comprehension of the very urgent matters that are calling you to England and with a vivid consciousness of the sacrifice we are asking you to make."

CREWS OF RUN FOOD SHIPS, PROTEST DISPLACEMENT

LONDON, March 20.—Eight German steamers, including the Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, Cleveland, Graf Waldersee and Pretoria, sailed from Hamburg this week for foodstuffs, according to advices from Berlin. It is said the crews of the ships made a formal demand that they should not be removed from the vessels during the trip.

CHANGES ARE MADE IN THE GREEK LEGATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Michael Egan, former consul general of the Greek government at San Francisco, notified the state department Wednesday that he had taken charge of the Greek legation at Washington and that Constantinos Panagopoulos, the Greek consul here, would be the regular consul general at New York, having succeeded him at San Francisco.

MAY FLOAT A LARGE LOAN

WAR FINANCE CORPORATION
NEEDS DEFICIT FUND

Proposal to Issue \$200,000,000 to Provide for Railroads and Other Pressing Demands.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, March 20.—The war finance corporation is considering the proposal of floating a large loan issue within a few weeks. The issue may amount to \$200,000,000 and will be to provide funds for the railroads and to meet other demands on the corporation. The interest rate at present contemplated is 4 per cent.

WILL NOT ALTER PARKING PLAN

COMMISSION REPEALS RULE
AGAINST DOGS RUNNING

Garage Man Asks Repeal of Ordinance Prohibiting Driving Tractors on Pavements.

Alienists Fifteen Business Men of La Grande, who are located in the central part of the city, had recently declared themselves to the city manager as being in favor of the adoption of the proposed new plan of parking all automobiles in the center of the street in the business sections, or at least of giving the plan a trial, and though only three votes against it were recorded in the man- ager's canvass, the board of com- missioners last night voted the pro- posal down. Ten of the business men, said the city manager, held an indifferent attitude. It ap- peared when the matter first came up last night that the board would vote to give the plan a trial, and it was therefore somewhat unexpected when Commissioner McKenna, in- dicating that he wanted to see the matter settled at once, added his vote to that of the three against the proposal and made a motion in the negative. Commissioner Grandy seconded the motion and it carried. It seems, therefore, that the ques- tion is a dead issue unless the busi- ness men who want to see the cen- ter-parking plan given a trial, peti- tion the commission in regard to the matter.

Improving Walnut Street

A request from Robert Eakin and others that the city make some much needed improvements on Walnut street was considered last night. Residents on the street want grading done up toward Spring street, but as many of the property owners are non-residents no more than eight of sixteen owners could be secured on a petition to the council to have the work done. It was suggested that by cutting down the area affected a majority of the property owners could be secured and a local improvement district formed to do the work required.

Overdue Rentals

There was some discussion of the matter of unpaid rentals from residence properties owned by the city. There are some twenty-five houses which the city has come into possession of through sales for arrears of taxes, etc., and according to the city manager there are only eight or ten of those on which rent is being paid. He stated that it has not been the practice to enforce the collection of rent from parties occupying the houses which they formerly owned. The commissioners thought such a practice to be unjust and instructed their manager to see that all tenants of houses owned by the city be treated alike.

The Fourth Street Suit

C. H. Finn, representing the Warren Construction Co., came before the board to ask for certain information regarding the Fourth street trouble, regarding which the property owners now have an appeal lodged in the supreme court of the United States. Mr. Finn stated that he had come to see if the matter could not be satisfactorily adjusted without further litigation. The city attorney said that he had recently filed a motion in the supreme court for dismissal of the appeal and the indications were that both sides would like to see the matter dropped. Some of the property owners have decided that they would like to go on with their payments, if the city will agree to having them date from this year. Others state that

DEMOS ENLARGE NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Cummings Announces Names of Seven New Members, Including That of A. Mitchell Palmer.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Homer S. Cummings, chairman of the Democratic national committee, Tuesday announced the appointment of a new executive committee, enlarged to a membership of sixteen by the addition of seven new members. With Mr. Cummings as ex-officio chairman, the committee personnel follows:

John T. Barnett, Colorado; Charles Boeschenstein, Illinois; Dr. John W. Coughlin, Massachusetts; Ludovico V. Dockweiler, California; Robert Ewing Louisiana; Carter Glass, Virginia; Clark Howell, Georgia; Representative Candell Hull, Tennessee; Senator A. A. Jones, New Mexico; Frederick C. Lynde, Minnesota; Norman E. Mack, New York; W. W. Marsh, Iowa; E. H. Moore, Ohio; A. P. Muller, Nebraska; A. Mitchell Palmer, Pennsylvania; and former Senator Willard Saulsbury, Delaware.

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BOLSHEVIS COMPELLED TO RETIRE

MITAU, IMPORTANT RAILROAD
JUNCTION, FALLS INTO LET-
TISH HANDS.

FORCED BACK ALONG THE ENTIRE FRONT

Pressure of Polish Forces Also Results in Bolshevik Evacuation of Pinsk, a Hundred Miles East of Brest-Litovsk, According to Dispatches Received From Warsaw.

Poles Force Retirement.

COPENHAGEN, March 20.—Bolshevik troops under pressure of the Polish forces, have been compelled to retire and evacuate Pinsk, a hundred miles east of Brest-Litovsk, Warsaw dispatches say.

BRITISH FLEET TO MAKE TOUR OF SOUTH AMERICA

SANTIAGO, March 20.—Announcement was made here Wednesday that Great Britain will send a fleet of 12 warships to tour South America. The fleet will leave Europe as soon as the peace treaty is signed.

SETTLEMENT ENDS CARPENTERS' STRIKE

Partial Allowance of Demanded Wage Increase Will Come After July 1

NEW YORK, March 19.—A compromise settlement in the controversy between the Building Trades Employers' association of this city, holding contracts in several cities throughout the country, and its carpenters was announced Tuesday by State Supreme Court Justice P. Henry Dugro, who was agreed upon as umpire. The men, who were demanding an increase of from \$5.50 to \$6.50 a day, recently returned to work after having been on strike for nearly four months.

The men are to receive \$6.50 a day for shop work and \$6 a day for day side work until July 1. After that date inside men are to receive \$5.75 and outside men \$6.25 daily. The wage agreement expires January 1, 1920.

The carpenters went out last November, but the employers refused to treat with them on the ground that they struck in violation of an alleged agreement. A lock-out was later declared against the strikers and early this year they were joined by other union basic building trades workers. At the suggestion of the war and labor departments both sides agreed to submit their cases to an umpire and the men were ordered to work pending the umpire's decision.

WEATHER FORECAST.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, March 20.—For Oregon: Fair; gentle easterly winds.

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ALL UKRAINE ENDANGERED

FRENCH GARRISON FORCED TO
WITHDRAW.

Despite Heavy Losses Bolsheviks Compel a Withdrawal of French to Odessa.

FIRST OF THE 91ST HAS COME HOME

(By Associated Press to The Observer) TACOMA, Wash., March 20.—The 31st trench mortar battery has arrived at Camp Lewis. This is the first unit of the 91st regiment to get home.

IMMENSE LOT OF WOOL IS HELD

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, March 20.—The war department today announced that the government has on hand or under contract 487,100,045 pounds of wool remaining to be disposed of.

DEATH OF MRS. SWARTZ

The death of Mrs. Swartz, mother of Harry Swartz, of La Grande, took place yesterday at Wallawa. Mr. Swartz went to Wallawa yesterday morning. The funeral will be held in La Grande Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, with service in the Catholic church.

TWO BRITISH BUDGETS REACH \$7,500,000,000

LONDON, March 20.—Speaking in the house of commons Wednesday on the second reading of the appropriation bill, George Lambert said there were two budgets this year aggregating 1,500,000,000 pounds, and that if this sum were to be raised by taxes it would mean 15 shillings in the pound income tax and the doubling of duties of ten and sugar. The chancellor of the exchequer, the member added, would have to resort to borrowing. He appealed to the government to be resolute in restoring the export trade, unhindered and unchecked by any "absurd government regulations."

POCATELLO CHILD HURT

Runs in Front of Auto; Is Knocked Down but Not Seriously Injured

POCATELLO, March 20.—Paulina Hollowell, aged 3, narrowly escaped death Tuesday night, when she ran in front of an auto driven by J. L. Hatcher. The child was struck and thrown directly in the path of the car, but Hatcher's control stopped it before running over the little one. The child was bruised about the head and on the right leg, but not seriously injured.

BUTTE MINING CASE IS BEFORE THE HIGHEST COURT

WASHINGTON, March 20.—Arguments were heard Wednesday in the supreme court on appeals brought by the Minerals Separation, Ltd., from federal court opinions denying injunctions to restrain the Butte & Superior Mining company from infringing on a patented process for the extraction of ore by flotation. The federal district court found the Butte company guilty of infringement and awarded \$10,000,000 damages to the Minerals Separation company, but this opinion was reversed by the circuit court of appeals. About \$60,000,000 in royalty damages is said to rest upon the outcome.

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