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PRESIDENT AND PREMIERS EXCITE MUCH DISCUSSION AND CRITICISM

TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR STRONG POLICY

Amendments Proposed by Former President Taft and Have Been Considered by the President and the Premiers—One of the Suggestions Pertains to the Monroe Doctrine.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 27.—Wilson's study is again the center of intense interest, as he and the premiers resumed their efforts to settle the questions standing in the way of peace. No event of the peace conference has exceeded such interest and discussion as this taking of the affairs into their own hands by the president and the premiers.

Criticism and sarcasm are still evident in some quarters, but the prevalent view in conference circles is that the time has arrived for a strong policy.

The League of Nations commission completed consideration of the covenant last night and referred it to the drafting committee.

Taft Sends Proposals.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The text of the proposed amendment to the League of Nations covenant suggested by former President Taft, which was considered yesterday by President Wilson and the premiers was sent from the White House a few days ago after Taft had been assured by Secretary Tumulty that any suggestion from him would be welcomed by the president. Taft made several suggestions, one of them dealing with the Monroe doctrine.

LOOKED UPON AS BOLSHEVIK MOVE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, March 27.—A republic has been proclaimed in Bessarabia and military operations were ordered against the Rumanian army, part of which has been forced to fall back, it is reported. The movement is evidently engineered by the Bolsheviki.

THOMPSON ASKS DAMAGES

Chicago Mayor Sues Democratic Opponent's Organization.

CHICAGO, March 27.—Mayor William Hale Thompson Wednesday filed a suit for $250,000 damages against Bertram M. Winston and George Hull Porter, officers of the Robert M. Sweitzer Nonpartisan league, as a result of published statements issued in the mayoralty campaign. Sweitzer is Mayor Thompson's Democratic opponent.

RUSSIANS READY TO FIGHT SOVIETS, BUT LACK ARMS

PARIS, March 27.—Boris Savinkoff, acting minister of war in the Kerensky cabinet, declared in an interview given here that 300,000 Russians are ready to fight against the Bolsheviki, but lack arms and equipment.

"If the entente will give us moral and financial support, and if it will furnish us with the material," said the ex-minister, "it would have no need to furnish men."

FOOD, DRUG AND TOBACCO SHOPS OPEN; OTHERS CLOSED

VIENNA, March 26.—The Hungarian people's commissary for socialization has ordered the immediate closing of all stores except food, drug and tobacco shops, and has directed that no foods shall be removed from places under this ban. Offenders will be liable to incur the death penalty, it is said.

DENIES FRENCH DISARMED

COPENHAGEN, March 27.—The commander of the French troops in Budapest, according to a wireless dispatch from the Hungarian capital, denies the report that his soldiers have been disarmed by the communists.

NAVAL FLEET AT PORTLAND

UNUSUAL ATTRACTION FOR THE COMING ROSE SHOW

Rear Admiral Fullam Has Accepted the Invitation to Attend the Victory Festival in June.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—With the acceptance of an invitation by Rear Admiral Fullam to attend the Victory Rose Festival, June 11, 12 and 13, it is assured that Portland's monster harbor will be the haven for a good sized fleet of Uncle Sam's fighting craft while the Festival is under way.

Recently, the directors took up the matter of having warships in the harbor while the Festival was being held and the navy department indicated that such request would be fulfilled. Following this, an invitation was extended to Admiral Fullam at San Diego, where he commands the Pacific division and he accepted this week. This means that not only Admiral Fullam will be a distinguished guest, but that he will come with his flag ship and an escort of almost every type of fighting craft on the Pacific coast, including some of the sub-destroyers which played such a leading part in putting to a quick death the activities of the murderous German submarines in the great war.

Coupled with the announcement that Portland will offer a rare naval pageant is the news that it is extremely probably that a race between airplanes, either from Los Angeles or from Mather field, Sacramento, will terminate here on the opening day of the festival with a series of amazing demonstrations of airplanes in war maneuvres, the first air meet to be staged in the northwest, the center of the entire spruce output by which the air division of the allied nations were supplied with the essential materials for construction.

ESCAPED MAN RECAPTURED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 27.—Charles Howard Alias Ed Barrett, a convict, who escaped from the train on the way from Goldhill to Salem a year ago, has been captured in Auburn California. He was serving a two to twenty years sentence for forgery and was committed from Lane county.

ROYAL STATUES DISLIKED

Socialists in Bavaria Demand Industry Shall Have Material.

BERLIN, March 27.—Independent Socialists in Bavaria have demanded that the government melt all statues of former royalties and statesmen, including that of Bismarck. Materials of the statues, they ask, shall be given to industry.

The national flags, the independents demand, shall be converted into clothing for children.

FLAG WILL BE LOAN PRIZE

State Having Largest Oversubscription to Receive Capitol Emblem.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The state attaining the largest oversubscription to the Victory liberty loan will be awarded the American flag which floated over the capitol dome on a number of historic occasions after the United States entered the war, the treasury has announced.

HIGH PRAISE FOR WILSON

Rabbi Stephen S. Wise Pays Tribute and Defends World League

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 27.—It is cowardly for anyone to criticize the league of nations and the work of the peace conference when they have nothing to offer as a substitute, declared Rabbi Stephen S. Wise in an address here Tuesday. Continuing he said:

"President Wilson is the foremost man in the world. He did not draw up the league of nations but hopes to put it through for the future peace and happiness of the world. The people of Europe are in accord with him and they cannot understand why his own people in America oppose him. Those who do so are actuated for the most part by politics and I am sorry to know that politics has come into this great American and world question."

JAPANESE INSIST ON EQUALITY

ORIGINAL PROPOSAL HAS BEEN MODIFIED BY CONFERENCE SEVERAL TIMES

NOW DECLARES FOR EQUALITY OF NATIONS

Believed That This Kind of a Declaration Will Not Meet With Objection From Americans, but Australians Are Opposed to This Feature of the Compact.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 27.—The Japanese delegation here continue to press for an amendment favoring the principle of equality of the races. The original Japanese proposal has been modified several times until it now calls for "recognition of the equality of nations and just treatment of all their nationals." It is believed Americans think this will not be objectionable, but that the Australians will object to it.

FEW RETURN TO THE SHIP YARDS

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The attempt to reopen the shipyard and contract machine shops in the Bay region after the strike failed. A few men reported back to work as requested.

ABOLISH HIGH COMMISSION

French Misson In U. S. Withdrawn at Tardieu's Suggestion.

PARIS, March 27.—President Poincaire, acting on Capt. Andre Tardieu's suggestion has signed a decree abolishing the post of high commissioner at Washington on April 1. That part of the organization which must be maintained in the United States several months longer will be placed under the direct authority of various French departments. Jean Maurice Casenave, charge at the French embassy at Washington, will be appointed general director in the United States.

The department of Franco-American war co-operation, created in June, 1918, will be maintained with its present functions until after the departure of the American army.

HUN WAR COST ENORMOUS SUM

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

COPENHAGEN, March 27.—The German finance commission which will go to Versailles to meet an inter-allied commission has been summoned to Weimar to receive instructions from the German government. According to Berlin newspapers, the commission will include Dr. Theodore Melchior, a banker of Hamburg; Dr. Wilhelm Merton, one of the managers of the Frankfort metal works; two representatives of the reichsbank, and two members of the German armistice commission.

German revenues from 1914 to the end of 1918 amounted to 17,000,000,000 marks, the German minister of finance, Doctor Schiffer, declared in a memorandum presented to the national assembly at Weimar. The war expenditures totalled 186,000,000,000 marks ($44,268,000,000), to which should be added the cost of demobilization.

WOODMEN MEET DEATH LOSSES

CHICAGO, March 27.—More than a million members of the Modern Woodmen of America, one of the largest fraternal insurance organizations in this country, have arranged to meet the death losses resulting from the Spanish influenza epidemic which caused a reduction from $12,000 to $700,000 in the deficiency fund.

Present members under the increased present rate of 50 percent begin with 75 cents on $1000 insurance at the ages of 17 to 18, and increasing per cent until 50 is reached. At 58 the rate is stationary.

SOLDIER BOY GIVEN HONOR

LIEUT. ARTHUR T. LEE OF NEWBERG DECORATED

First Distinguished Service Cross Is Awarded at Camp Lewis to Returning Veteran.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TACOMA, March 27.—Major General Leitch presented the first distinguished service cross awarded at Camp Lewis to Lieutenant Arthur T. Lee of Newberg, Ore., who was wounded by machine gun bullets in the knee while with the 364th infantry of the 91st division. He was sent home ahead of the others on account of wounds. He joined the division from Walla Walla, but his father, a minister, moved to Oregon since the time his son joined the colors.

JEWS VICTIMS IN ARGENTINE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Thousands of Jews were slaughtered in a "pogrom" conducted in Buenos Aires on January 9, according to a statement issued here Wednesday night by the Zionist organization of America, quoting a report it has received from the Argentine capital.

According to this report, a "White guard" was organized there, following a rumor that strikes in that city were the beginning of a Bolshevist revolution incited by the Jews. The report charged that, with co-operation of the police, the "White guard" raided the Jewish quarters, "killing a number that cannot be estimated, because all the bodies were buried in a common grave." Jews and persons who resembled Jews were stopped on the street, it was said, and even synagogues were raided on the ground that Maximalists were being hidden there from the police.

WILSON SENDS WORDS OF HOPE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—The following message from President Wilson at Paris was read at the session of the National Women's Suffrage association today: "Best wishes for the convention. I earnestly hope the suffrage amendment will soon be adopted."

WILL OPERATE WITH FREE LABOR

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 27.—The state lime board has decided to resume operation with free labor until present orders are cleared up. Chairman Cordley and Benton Bowers, mining expert of the board, are to run the Gold Hill plant.

GERMANS VOICE PROTESTS

Relinquishment of Rhine Territory Is Opposed by Assembly.

PARIS, March 27.—The Prussian national assembly has voted unanimously against relinquishment by Germany of any of the Rhine territory, especially the Saar basin, according to German dispatches.

The advices also tell of meetings of protest multiplying in all parts of Germany against what is called an "enslaving peace." It is said these manifestations are being organized by the government.

TAKE OLD JOB, IS ADVICE

Returning Men Are Asked to Return to Own Homes.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Chambers of commerce of the country were requested in letters sent today by Chairman Arthur Woods of the emergency employment committee for soldiers and sailors, to urge returning men to go to their own homes and take their former jobs if unable to secure better positions immediately.

Tendency of the discharged soldiers and sailors to linger in large cities Chairman Woods' letter said, is a difficulty of the employment organization's enterprise.

DRY VOTE AT SALEM TO STAND

REFERENDUM ON PROHIBITION MEASURE CANNOT NOW BE INVOKED

OPINION GIVEN BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Decision Is That Referendum Can Be Applied Only to the Law-Making Power of the Legislature, and That Resolutions of the Legislature Cannot Be Referred.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, March 27.—Attorney General Brown holds that the referendum cannot be invoked in Oregon on the joint resolution of the last legislature ratifying the national prohibition amendment. He declined to prepare a title for the ballot.

He declared that the referendum can be applied only to the law-making power of the legislature and that bills and acts may be referred, but that resolutions cannot be referred.

RESIGNATION OF MAHARYK DENIED

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The Czecho-Slovak mission has received an official denial of the report that President Maharyk had resigned.

MARCOSSON GIVES WARNING

U. S. Must Deal With I. W. W. With Ruthless Hand, Says Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 27.—"So active are the I. W. W. which are the German Bolshevists in this country, that my life has been threatened twenty-nine times in the last three months because of my warnings in western cities against this menace," Isaac Marcosson, war correspondent and lecturer, declared in an address here Tuesday night.

Marcosson said that he was in Petrograd when Lenine first launched Bolshevism with German gold and warned that "if America follows Kerensky's policy of trying to placate the vipers we will have Bolshevism here in a most surprising fashion."

THE WEATHER

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PORTLAND, March 27.—For Oregon: Probably rain in the west; fair in the east portion; moderate southerly winds.

INCREASE FOR GAS COMPANY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

SALEM, Mar. 27.—The public service commission has granted an increase in gas rates to the Oregon Gas and Electric Company supplying Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Phoenix, Taft, and Ashland.

An increase in rates was held by the Commission to be necessary to prevent a shut down.

TREE MEMORIAL PLANTED

Department of Agriculture Honors Soldier Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—An oak tree dedicated to the soldier dead of the department of agriculture was planted on the department grounds today by Secretary Houston.

The planting of the tree was in keeping with the suggestion made recently by Mr. Houston that the memory of American soldiers who fell during the war could best be perpetuated by the nation's planting of trees in their honor.

URGE SOVIET SYSTEM IN NEW CONSTITUTION

BERLIN, March 27.—The German government will submit to the national assembly the proposal for the incorporation of the soviet system in the constitution. The effect of this measure would be to establish a sort of three-chamber system of government.

DAIRY COUNCIL IS ORGANIZED

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION HAVE BEEN FILED.

M. W. Kiddle of the Pioneer Flouring Mills Is Representative for This District.

PORTLAND, March 27.—(Special)—The Oregon Dairy Council organized to further the interests of the dairy industry in Oregon, has filed its articles of incorporation and will start work immediately as an active body in which there are representative bankers, business men, dairymen, creamery and condensary representatives, distributors, cheese men and mill and feed men, as well as others in other lines.

La Grande is represented by the Pioneer Flouring Mills, signed by M. W. Kiddle. O. D. Center of Oregon Agricultural College is president, having been re-elected at the last meeting held in the Multnomah hotel, Portland, March 26.—R. L. Sabin is vice president and F. L. Shull of the Globe Grain and Milling company is treasurer.

The board contains men from different parts of the state. An inspiring message to the members was read from Governor Olcott and others, including Mr. Kiddle, George Quayle of the state chamber of commerce and from civic organizations.

ARREST FORMER PREMIER

LONDON, March 27.—According to a Budapest dispatch to the Vienna Deutsche Volksblatt, former Premier Alexander Wekerle (who has been reported under arrest at Budapest) is charged with introducing measures for the socialization of landed estates in a form enabling him to dispose on favorable terms of his own heavily mortgaged estates.

MANGIN IS TO HAVE CHARGE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, March 27.—General Mangin, one of the leading officers of the French army, will be recalled from his command at Mayence, newspapers here announce, to undertake a mission, the character and scope of which "is indicated plainly by events in Hungary."

CALL FOCH IN CONFERENCE

French Chieftain Discusses Military Measures in Eastern Europe.

PARIS, March 27.—Marshal Foch called at the headquarters of the Italian delegation Tuesday evening in connection with possible military measures discussed by the council, in view of the grave situation in eastern Europe.

M. Bratiano, the Rumanian premier, speaking of events in eastern Europe, expressed the view that Bolshevism might soon extend to Serbia, because of race relationship with Russia and to Slavonia and Croatia, because of connection with Hungary.

OKLAHOMA OBSTRUCTORS MUST SERVE PRISON TERMS

ST. LOUIS, March 27.—Judges Trieber and Hook in the United States district court of appeals Tuesday confirmed the sentences pronounced by the district court at Oklahoma City, Okla., of six years' imprisonment on eight Oklahomans charged with conspiracy to prevent the operation of the selective service act.

The defendants, residents of Pottawatomie and Cleveland counties, are Clura, and Obe Isenhouer, Tobe Simons, John Shirey, Walter Phillips, J. R. Sparkman, C. W. Morris and Earl Whitten.

RELEASE RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKS

PARIS, March 27.—The French foreign office has been advised that one of the first acts of the new Hungarian government was to release the Russian Red Cross delegation that had been imprisoned in Budapest because it had been circulating Bolshevik propaganda matter.

LANDIS GRANTS EXTENSION TO REFUSE CASE DEFENDANTS

CHICAGO, March 27.—Federal Judge Landis Wednesday granted a twenty-day extension to Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and four other Socialist leaders, convicted of violation of the espionage law and sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment in which to prepare their bill of exceptions in the appeal of the case.

FIRE CHIEF THREATENS TO RESIGN

COMMISSIONERS ASKED TO HIRE FOURTH MAN AS AN ALTERNATIVE

OAK STREET RESIDENT SHOWS PUBLIC SPIRIT

Sends in Cheque to Cover Cost of Putting Gravel on Whole Block—The Ordinance Repealing Order Against Dogs Running During the Summer Goes Into Effect.

Trouble in the city's fire department loomed up again at the council meeting last night, when the city manager announced that the fire chief, C. Lindsay, had issued an ultimatum that unless another man is added to the force, he would ask that his resignation as chief be accepted, to take effect April 1st. After some discussion by the board, settlement of the matter was left in the hands of the city manager, to accept Lindsay's resignation or give him another man, as he saw fit.

The commission seemed rather inclined to favor the chief's request for a fourth man. Dr. Brownton, president of the board, said he though the men should each have one whole day off each week, but the ruling which requires that two men be at the fire hall at all times practically forbids that under the present working force. Even though the work was not hard, it was confin-

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ITALIAN TROOPS ARE IN HUNGARY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, March 27—Italian troops have occupied the town of Presiburg, thirty-five miles southeast of Vienna on the Hungarian side of the border, according to a Budapest dispatch.

SITUATION IN EGYPT IS SAID TO BE IMPROVING

LONDON, March 27.—In answer to question in the house of commons Tuesday Cecil Harmsworth, undersecretary for the ministry of foreign affairs, said that there was every indication of a general improvement in the situation in Egypt. The acting high commissioner had reported that the firm action of the authorities was having due effect and Cairo and Alexandria continued quiet.

PLAN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Roosevelt Road Association Is Formed At Rochester, N. Y.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., March 27.—A Roosevelt road association, formed for the purpose of promoting the Montauck point to Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn., was organized at a meeting of men from all parts of New York state here Tuesday. Former State Senator William M. Armstrong of Rochester was elected president of the organization.

New York state's portion of the proposed road would be approximately 500 miles. A legislative appropriation of $100,000 is to be asked for preliminary surveys.

GERMANY DETAINING DANES OF SCHLESWIG

PARIS, March 27.—Germany is detaining Danish residents of Schleswig who desire to return home after having been released from Russian prisons, according to advices reaching the French foreign office. These men were among Germans taken prisoner by the Russians during the war and who after being set free in Russia, attempted to return to Schleswig.

SEVENTY CHILDREN ARE KILLED IN STAMPEDE

BERLIN, March 27.—Seventy children are dead and twenty injured seriously as the result of a stampede during a juvenile entertainment at Gleiwitz, Silesia, Monday. The children rushed toward the exits when some one raised the cry of "Fire." Most of the casualties occurred in the rush down stairways.

DISSOLVE NATIONAL COUNCIL

COPENHAGEN, March 27.—The Hungarian national council has been dissolved on motion of its president, a Budapest dispatch Tuesday states.

SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE