

TREATY TO BE READY THIS WEEK

IMPORTANT MATTER IS THAT OF COMPROMISING JAPAN AND CHINESE CLAIMS

ANOTHER ATTEMPT FOR RACIAL EQUALITY PROBABLE

Russian Bolsheviks Have Suffered Reverses on the Eastern Front but the Conditions in Germany Are Reported to Be More Quiet Than for Several Weeks Past.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 28, 2:45 P. M.—The revised covenant of the League of Nations was adopted without division and without amendment at the plenary session.

This has been the most eventful week yet of the peace conference with final action on the covenant. It is hoped that the peace treaty will be ready by the end of the week and that the Italian situation may resolve itself before that time. Then the most important matter of the peace treaty to be settled is the problem of a compromise on the Japanese and Chinese claims to Kiao Chau and Chan Tung peninsula.

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AIR FREIGHT COMES HIGH

Rates on Aerial Trip of 250 Miles Reach \$1 Per Pound.

PARIS, April 28.—Requitting the starving towns and villages of northern France by dropping parcels of food and clothing from the skies had a romantic glamor about it that makes most people overlook the business details of freight transportation by airship.

Matter of fact persons who pinned their faith to the humble motor truck find their views amply vindicated by a bill of expenses incurred by fifteen airships which recently carried 3000 pounds of supplies 250 miles from Le Bourget to Maubeuge and Valenciennes.

AMBASSADOR PAGE LEAVES FOR PARIS

(By Associated Press to The Observer) ROME, April 28.—Thomas Nelson Page, American ambassador to Rome, left today for Paris.

END FEDERAL CONTROL OF SHIP CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Important steps toward disposing of the tremendous shipping enterprises built up by the government during the war were taken Saturday in the creation by Director General Piez of a new section of the emergency fleet corporation, designed to supervise the disposal of millions of dollars' worth of investments to private concerns.

The new section will be known as the plant disposal section, with B. E. Grant, engineer of the shipyard plants division, in charge. Sale of the corporation's interests in wood yards, concrete yards, steel yards and fabricating plants, will be effected under Mr. Grant's direction, with a view to putting the immense shipbuilding plants into private hands.

FOUR SAILORS WERE DROWNED

(By Associated Press to The Observer) NEW YORK, April 28.—Four sailors from the United States destroyer Bell were drowned today when a motor dory collided with the ship.

CLARIFY PEACE TREATIES

Council of Three Will Clear Up Ambiguities in Short Time

PARIS, April 28.—The Temps Sunday says that two or three days will suffice for the council of three to approve clauses in the peace treaty that remain to be clarified. It adds that the committee preparing the program concerning Alsace-Lorraine, has achieved a definite draft in which all the claims of France are admitted.

MORE OREGON BOYS LANDED

PORTIONS OF EIGHTEENTH ENGINEERS REACH NEW YORK

Several Additional Transports Reach Destination Today Laden With Troops From Over Seas

NEW YORK, April 28.—Among the 2200 troops which arrived today from Bordeaux on the steamer Texan were 36 officers and 1148 men comprising the headquarters detachment, field and staff, medical detachment and companies A to F, inclusive, of the Eighteenth Engineers, for Camp Kearney. Many Oregon men are included in the arrival on the Texan today.

Several other transports with troops from overseas arrived in New York today.

BROKEN BOMB REACHES SEATTLE

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SEATTLE, April 28.—The mayor's office received a broken bomb in the mail today. Mayor Hanson is now in Colorado on a loan-speaking tour.

WILL ENFORCE PROHIBITION

LAW WILL BE IN EFFECT ON THE FIRST OF JULY

Attorney General Palmer Announces That His Department Will Undertake to Punish Violators

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Enforcement of national wartime prohibition, effective July 1, will be undertaken by the department of justice.

Attorney General Palmer Sunday night declared that "as long as the act remains in force under its terms it becomes my duty to see that it is enforced like all other laws by the prosecution of such persons as violate it."

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY
Germans hurl fresh divisions against the tired Allies to force advances in the bloody battle. Continuously assaulting waves force the Allies back from Mt. Kemmel and Wytasseche. Hitler's "back to the wall" defense desperately holds the Germans out of Ypres. Germans grind down Allied resistance in advances north of Ypres. Only firefights of American National Army left to check German mobilization campaign. Subscribe now to the Victory Liberty Loan what you would have paid for Victory these

TRIAL OF EX-KAISER DEMANDED

INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL IS TO BE FORMED TO TRY MILITARY OFFENSES

REQUEST FOR HOLLAND TO SURRENDER REFUGEE

Charge Will Not Be Based on Criminal Law, but an Offense Against International Morality and the Sanctity of Treaties—Others Besides Wilhelm to Be Tried.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 28.—The peace treaty with Germany as drawn contains a clause providing that the former emperor be tried by an international tribunal with a separate tribunal to try other military officers. The new article provided for insertion will be presented for consideration today. It provides that the allied and associated powers may publicly arraign the former emperor not for an offense against the criminal law, but a supreme offense against international morality and the sanctity of treaties.

Announced From Washington. WASHINGTON, April 28.—The allied and associated powers are determined upon the trial of the former German emperor for "supreme offense against international morality and the sanctity of treaties."

Holland will be requested to surrender the royal refugee for arraignment before a court composed of five judges named by the United States, England, France, Italy and Japan.

Germany will also be required to deliver all her sons within her border charged with acts in violation of the laws and customs of war, for a trial by a military tribunal.

ALLIANCE WITH FRANCE DECLARED UNDER WAY

PARIS, April 28.—A project for an alliance between France and America actually is under way, the Echo de Paris says. President Wilson, the newspaper adds, is withholding action until he can place the matter before the American senate.

FOOD SUPPLY VERY SCANTY

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FACE ENORMOUS SHORTAGE

Total of 29,000,000 Tons Is Necessary but the Shipping Facilities Are Not Satisfactory.

PARIS, April 28.—In the harvest year from August, 1918, to August, 1919, Europe must import 29,000,000 tons of foodstuffs from overseas and to meet this there is available a total of about 35,000,000 tons, Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the food section of the supreme economic council, said Sunday in reviewing the present world food situation. The supply available is sufficient to meet the needs of Europe, but shipping conditions are not satisfactory on account of strikes in many countries, and, as a result, there is no question that the entire American surplus will be absorbed.

"We are now at the worst phase of the European famine that was inevitable after this world war," Mr. Hoover said. The United States, Mr. Hoover continued, will supply to Europe during the year ending next August foodstuffs valued at \$2,500,000,000. Enemy countries and neutrals will pay cash for what they receive, while the allied countries are being aided by funds appropriated by congress.

The food relief authorities are doing their best to control the effect of the large demands on the American market. In connection with this Mr. Hoover mentioned that a statement by him on the possible price of wheat had been misinterpreted in some quarters.

Mr. Hoover said he wished to emphasize that the control of the price of wheat would be maintained to the full extent of existing authority and that the American consumer need not be alarmed that there will be a material rise in the price of that food essential.

The relief administration proposes that the last of the food ships under its control shall sail from the United States before July 1. The harvest in Europe will then enable Europe to go on for some months without assistance.

JAPANESE INSIST ON RACE EQUALITY

PARIS, April 28.—Baron Makino, head of the Japanese delegation, said he regretted the omission of the racial equality clause. He said that Japan must revert to her original position on this question.

TO RETURN CABLE AND TELEPHONE

BURLESON ASKS PRESIDENT FOR PERMISSION TO END FEDERAL CONTROL

WANTS CABLES RELEASED BY THE TENTH OF MAY

Telephone Lines to Go Back to Private Ownership as Soon as the Legislation That Is Deemed Necessary Can Be Enacted by Congress.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, April 28.—President Wilson was asked by Postmaster General Burleson to approve the immediate return of the American cable lines to private ownership.

Burleson also recommended to Wilson that all the telephone lines be returned to private ownership as soon as congress can enact the legislation deemed necessary. Burleson said he hoped the cable lines could be returned by May 10th.

RUSSIAN PEASANTS RISE

STOCKHOLM, April 28.—The inhabitants of Olonetz, 110 miles northwest of Petrograd in the government of Bolsheviks, have revolted against the Bolsheviks. The revolt is spreading northward.

The allied forces advancing southward along the Murmansk railway were last reported approaching the northern shore of Lake Onega. Olonetz is situated between Lake Onega and Lake Ladoga. The allied force is about 100 miles to the north.

POPE RECEIVES SON OF ALLEGED MOSLEM HEAD

ROME, April 28.—For the first time in the history of the papacy, the head of the Catholic church Friday received the son of the commander of faithful, as Prince Feisal, son of Hussein Ben Ali, King of Hedjaz, claims his father to be. Pope Benedict talked with Prince Feisal through an interpreter, Abbot Ubus, belonging to the Syrian marchites.

LOAN GOING FINE OUTSIDE PORTLAND

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—The state of Oregon, outside of Portland, had exceeded its quota Saturday night. Portland has approximately 50 per cent subscribed.

MEXICO RECALLS MISSION

Failure of Recognition by Italian Government Is Given As Cause

BUENOS AIRES, April 28.—The Argentine foreign office learns that the Mexican government is recalling its diplomatic mission to Italy because it has not been recognized by the Italian government.

OFFICIALS TO RESIGN MAY 1

CHAS. PIEZ TO LEAVE THE SHIPPING BOARD.

Seven Other Officials of the Emergency Fleet Corporation Are to Leave Their Places.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, April 28.—Charles Piez, director general of the shipping board, and seven other administrative officials of the Emergency Fleet corporation, will retire on May 1st to resume private business.

SWISS DELEGATE CALLED TO PARIS

(By Associated Press to The Observer) GENEVA, April 28.—Gustave Ador, president of the Swiss federation, received an urgent summons to the peace conference, and left Paris Sunday night. Newspapers state that he has been invited by the allies to act as arbitrator in the question of the Adriatic.

WILL RECEIVE OVER QUOTAS

EXTRA SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

This Will Be Done to Make Up for the Localities Having a Deficit.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Special efforts to obtain oversubscriptions from communities to counterbalance possible undersubscriptions from others, will be made this week by Victory Liberty loan committees, at the request of the treasury.

LABOR MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT

There will be a meeting, under the auspices of the La Grande Central Labor Council, of all the local labor unions at the city hall tomorrow evening. Secretary Stack of the state Federation of Labor will be present and matters of general interest in labor affairs will be presented at the meeting. The meeting is open to all union labor organizations of La Grande.

WEATHER FORECAST

PORTLAND, April 28.—For Oregon fair and cooler in east portion tonight with a light frost in the southeast portion; gentle westerly winds.

A PATRIOTIC CHINAMAN

BERKELEY, Cal., April 28.—Lee Gilt devoted most of his time to his Chinese laundry located in the residential section. In his spare time he raises lawns for sale, incidentally, books for the Victory Liberty Loan.

"YOU ARE MY KIND OF AN AMERICAN"



GALA DAY WHEN UNIT GETS HOME

RECEPTION COMMITTEE WORKING ON PLANS FOR A MIGHTY DEMONSTRATION

ALL COUNTY SOLDIERS TO SHARE IN WELCOME

Hope Entertained That Hospital Unit Will Spend Whole Day Here—Arrival Looked For Within Next Week—Street Dance in Evening Will Be Big Part of Celebration

Meeting at lunch today noon at the Foley, the committee of local business men appointed to arrange for the reception of the homecoming hospital unit discussed various suggestions regarding a program for the day, eliminating the impractical ones and formed a fairly definite outline for what will be one of the happiest occasions in La Grande's history. It is intended to make this event a real gala day, in which every citizen of the town and as many from nearby towns as can be drawn in here will participate. Every man in the county who has been in the service in this war, either at home or abroad, is invited to be one of the guests of honor and to share equally in the welcome to the men of the hospital unit.

May Arrive in Few Days
There has been no word yet as to the date of the unit's arrival here. The boys have been sent to Camp Merril, N. J., with the expectation that they would be started homeward early this week. Some believe that they will be here about Saturday. It is a five days journey across the continent, however, and there will be ample time to conclude all preparations once the time of their departure is ascertained. It is expected that they will arrive in La Grande on No. 17, reaching here at 8:00 a. m., unless they come on a special train, and as a twelve hour stop-over was requested for them, the committee is working on that basis.

The Program Outlined
The program, briefly outlined, is this: When the train arrives none but the parents, relatives and closest friends of the boys will be allowed access to the fenced-off area around the train. Outsiders will have to look on from the other side of the ropes, and there will be special men on duty to see that only those who bear a pass will get inside. These passes will be issued by the Army and Navy Auxiliary to all who are entitled to them and should be secured in good time. After the greetings a parade will be formed in which the service men will march to the Mormon Tabernacle, where a brief official welcome will be tendered before the crowds let the boys get away from them. In this parade it is asked that all men who have worn the uniform in the present war, in the Civil War, or Spanish-American war will march.

Dancing on Adams Avenue
After the brief program in the tabernacle there will be a few hours for visiting, and then in the evening a big street dance will be held. Two blocks on Adams avenue, from the Foley hotel to the La Grande National Bank will be roped off for the dancers and there will be fine music supplied by the O. W. band, which has asked to be granted the privilege of playing. The dance will be open to others than soldiers, but the refreshment booths which will be established at both ends of the dancing space will serve only men in uniform. This service will be given free by the ladies of the Army and Navy Auxiliary and all soldiers and their lady friends will be welcomed at the booths. There will be no private reception for the members of the hospital unit, but rather every part of the day's program will honor all service men equally.

Soldiers Asked to Report
It is requested that all soldiers

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