

ONE PLANE STILL LOST LAST NIGHT

NC-3 GOT OFF COURSE IN FOG BUT FEAR OF DISASTER IS NOT FELT.

CREW OF NC-1 TAKEN SAFELY OFF BY IONA

Mist Bank Which Enveloped Azores All Day Responsible For Two of the Giant Seaplanes Going Astray—NC-3 Last Heard From at 5:15 Saturday Morning.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—One of the three American naval seaplanes which set out last evening from New Foundland in the first attempted flight across the Atlantic ocean, was still missing late tonight, another was being towed toward an Azores port by a destroyer, after her crew had been put aboard the steamer Iona, and the third was safe at Horta, Fayal, after establishing a record flight for heavier-than-air machines.

The missing plane is the NC-3, flagship of Commander John Henry Towers, commander of the squadron, but the fact that the last report came from her at 5:15 o'clock this morning, Washington time, did not cause naval officials to entertain any apprehension for the safety of Commander Towers and his crew of four. The last message from this ship showed her off her course in a fog, some 350 miles from Fayal, and naval officials believed it was only the mist bank which enveloped the sea around the Azores throughout the day that prevented all three of the planes from reaching port far ahead of scheduled time.

Lieutenant Commander N. L. Bellingher's ship, the NC-1, also lost her way in the fog and was forced to descend at 11:40 a. m., Washington time. She sent an S. O. S. call, stating that she was landing and asking for her position. Four destroyers were immediately dispatched to her assistance and a message from the navy department said they were taking her to port, probably to Horta. Commander Bellingher and his crew were aboard the steamer Iona.

The one plane to reach port was the NC-4, which led her sister ships practically all the way and descended in Horta harbor at 9:50 o'clock, Washington time. Her official time was 15 hours and 43 minutes, and the average speed was approximately 80 miles an hour. The performance of the plane was all the more satisfactory to officials here because of the fact that she suffered a series of mishaps on her voyage from Rockaway Beach, Long Island, to Trepassey Bay.

CREW OF NC-4 TAKEN OFF. WASHINGTON, May 17.—Destroyers searching for the lost naval plane NC-1, have found the plane and Lieutenant-Commander Bellingher and crew have been taken aboard the S. S. Iona. This report was made to the navy department late tonight, in a dispatch received by cable from Horta, Azores.

SIGNAL HONOR IS READY. WASHINGTON, May 17.—To Lieutenant-Commander Read, commander of the naval seaplane NC-4, belongs the honor of having made without interruption the most daring journey ever made in an airship of any kind. Rising from dinner last night in the ward room of the liner Aroostook at Trepassey, he and his men breakfasted soon after 9 o'clock this morning aboard the cruiser Columbia, at Horta. But for the fog that clamped down upon the NC-4 as it sighted Pico heights across from Horta, they would have boarded the U. S. Ship Melville before noon today and been ready to jump off again tomorrow, this time for Lisbon, the city marking the end of the actual flight over the Atlantic.

MEN FIT AND READY TO GO ON. HORTA, Azores, Fayal, May 17.—The NC-4 averaged 80 miles per hour to Horta Bay, and according to Lieutenant-Commander Read, made the flight in 15 hours and 43 minutes. The three American seaplanes flew a considerable time after their last flight from Trepassey flew together, but finally the NC-4 was ahead. Commander Read looked to be in splendid condition on his arrival here, but about 200 miles from Corvo Island he said he met bad weather. This continued till the end. His plane flew at an altitude of 5000 feet, then

LEAGUE WON'T PREVENT WAR

THIS IS DECLARATION OF JUDGE VAN VALKENBURGH.

Kansas Jurist Makes Attack on Covenant of League of Nations Before Bar Association.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 17.—That the league of nations, in its present proposed form, will not accomplish the prevention of war, will bring complications and disturbance destructive of permanent peace, will be a departure from time honored and substantial American policies and traditions, will endanger national safety and will violate the spirit and letter of the constitution of the United States, was the declaration of Judge A. F. Van Valkenburgh, of the U. S. District Court, in an address before the Kansas City Bar association tonight.

"I oppose this covenant in its present and proposed form," Judge Van Valkenburgh said, "because it involves us in an engagement dangerous to our express agreement, exposing us to the charge of international bad faith because it introduces the element of internationalism, breaks down the safeguard of national patriotism and embarrasses the exercise of our sovereignty in the control of our internal affairs.

"The league constitution," he continued, "is a declaration of distrust. We do not trust others. We say so by this instrument. We say to the other nations, 'We doubt your motive, sincerity, constancy, morality and honesty; your word is not as good as your bond and so we want your signature to this scrap of paper, that we may have future evidence of your probable infidelity.'"

RANTZAU GOING BACK TO BERLIN

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, May 17.—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace delegation, has started for Berlin. He left Paris at 11:10 o'clock tonight for the German capital.

VERSAILLES, May 17.—Count Ulrich von Brockdorff-Rantzau, foreign minister and head of the German peace delegation, will leave for Berlin tonight, accompanied by several members of the delegation. The party will travel in a special car attached to the regular train to Cologne.

The decision to make the journey to Berlin was reached after a full meeting of the German peace delegates this afternoon.

RANTZAU SENDS NOTE RELATING TO SAAR MINES

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

VERSAILLES, May 17.—(Havas News Agency.)—Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German delegation, forwarded today to Clemenceau a new note dealing with the Saar coal district.

N. Y. DIVISION MAKES RECORD

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Official records of the war department show that the 77th division made a greater advance against the enemy than any other American division in France. It was announced today that the New York City national army went forward seventy-one and a half kilometers.

was compelled to cut down close to the water, owing to the fog.

There was no mishap or untoward occurrence during the passage, and the NC-4 was found to be in perfect condition.

The members of the crew had no sleep, but nourished themselves fairly well on sandwiches. The men were all fit and anxious to continue their voyage to Europe.

Commander Read said the NC-1 had made a landing at sea, close to Horta, but the NC-4 had not been heard from for a considerable time. He was of the opinion that possibly she had gone to Ponta Delgada.

During the early part of the flight the seaplanes were favored with moonlight, and they met three steamships on the way.

CONGRESS CONVENES TOMORROW

PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION WAS RECEIVED YESTERDAY.

REPUBLICANS WILL BE THE DOMINANT PARTY

Are Organizing to Take Over Control of Senate and House From Democrats, Who Have Held It For Past Eight Years—Cummins Likely to Be President Pro Tempore.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Plans for convening the 66th Congress in extraordinary session Monday noon were completed today with the receipt of President Wilson's formal call and with the holding by the dominant political parties of their final organization meetings.

The opening session will be devoted to routine affairs of organization, and reading of Wilson's cabled message. The principal organization feature will be the election of Republican officers by both the senate and house, marking the passage of control from the Democrats to the Republicans, after being in the hands of the former for eight years.

The session, according to the plans of the leaders, will get in motion slowly, little business being planned for the first week. Although the peace treaty, including the league of nations document, is not expected to be laid before the senate before next month, much speech-making on peace subjects is planned.

Three conferences on inaugural procedure were held today. The Democratic met and chose Former Speaker Champ Clark as their candidate for speaker and floor leader. No opposition was apparent.

House republicans met tonight to complete their slate of candidates with greater confidence of the election next Sunday of Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, as speaker, with Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, as floor leader.

The program for senate procedure also was completed today, when the Democratic senators met in conference and named a slate of officers, with Senator Pittman, of Nevada, as candidate for president pro tempore. The Republicans, with a majority of two, are expected to elect Senator Cummins, of Iowa, as president pro tempore.

OLD HOTEL MAN VISITS

WALLOWA, Or., May 17.—(Special.)—Rodney McCrae, well known to everyone along the branch line, is visiting old friends here. He and Mrs. McCrae now reside in Clarkston, Washington and are taking life easy after years of service in the hotel business.

REPUBLICANS TO BEGIN PROBE

PLANNING PROGRAM FOR CONVENING EXTRA SESSION.

Investigation of Administration's Activities and Expenditures Will Be Instituted.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Republican members of the house, upon the convening of congress, propose to institute "such investigation of the administration's activities and expenditures since the beginning of the war as will fully inform the people and serve the public interest." This was added to the party's legislative program by the house Republicans tonight at a conference apparently devoid of factional differences.

The conference also went on record as favoring early passage of legislation outlining a definite military policy, of measures providing for early return of American soldiers from overseas, of public oil and coal lands legislation, and measures to promote water power development.

Revision of the immigration clause and enactment of legislation to provide for the deportation of undesirable aliens, was also added to the program. The conference also proposed that the Republican members, who will be in the majority in the new house, enact legislation for the extension of foreign trade and the promotion of agriculture and manufacturing.

The items of the legislative program adopted by the party steering committee were formally approved. This program provides for early return of telephone and telegraph lines, adoption of the federal constitutional woman suffrage amendment, consideration of legislation for a comprehensive merchant marine police, budget and tariff legislation, redemption in domestic taxation, with "immediate repeal of the obnoxious consumption taxes"; reduction of expenditures, passage of measures to "insure the welfare of our returning soldiers," and more amendment of railway legislation and development of transportation facilities. The controversy over enlargement of the steering committee was passed over in accordance with a decision reached by party leaders prior to the conference.

ITALIAN ISSUE STILL UNEASY

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

PARIS, May 17.—Conferences during the last two days on the Italian issue have not succeeded in reaching accord, as was expected. The Italians made a number of concessions, including recognition of Fiume as a free city and giving up a considerable portion of Istria, including the important quick-silver district.

STRIKE HAS PARALYZED WINNIPEG

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAPHERS ALL QUIT THEIR POSTS AT NOON YESTERDAY.

RAILWAY BROTHERHOODS MAY JOIN THE STRIKERS

Union Men Urge That Restaurants Sell Food to None But Persons Wearing Union Buttons—Governor Reported to Be Mobilizing Troops in Other Cities.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WINNIPEG, Man., May 17.—The general strike of more than three score labor unions of Winnipeg, precipitated by the strike of the building trades and metal workers' unions for recognition from the employers, went into its third night tonight. Winnipeg is left with only extraordinary means of communication with other Canadian provinces and the only story of the local labor trouble is being transmitted south to the United States.

The city is calm but tension is apparent everywhere. Union men estimate there are more than 30,000 men and women idle. With the exception of crowds in and around headquarters the labor men split up into small groups to keep in touch with the situation throughout the city. There have not been any disturbances of note. The leading developments since this morning are as follows:

Strike of commercial telegraphers at noon, following two requests from International President Kohenkamp, of Chicago, urging the men to remain on duty.

Rumors that the government was mobilizing troops in other cities for transportation to Winnipeg.

Reports that Winnipeg locals of the three great brotherhoods were considering the advisability of joining the strikers.

Lifting the prohibition on delivery of bread and milk.

Conferences of city officials to consider protests of Winnipeg professional men against the suspension of public utilities.

A dispatch from Gideon Robertson, minister of labor at Ottawa, said that "disputes existing at various points" demanded his presence at Ottawa.

Strikes of railway ticket agents. Closing of steam laundries.

Conferences of the union men regarding the food situation, on a proposal brought before the general strike committee to inform restaurant proprietors that food should be sold only to persons wearing their union button.

Probable strike Monday of stockyards employees.

WORLD AFFAIRS ARE MOMENTOUS

VISCOUNT UCHIDA REGRETS ARTICLES IN PRESS.

Good Will and Mutual Confidence of Nations Necessary to Settle Diplomatic Questions.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

TOKIO, May 17.—Viscount Uchida, the Japanese foreign minister, gave out the following statement today:

"The recent development of the international situation has given rise to diplomatic questions of great moment which can only be arrived at in an atmosphere of good will and mutual confidence among powers concerned. My attention has been called to articles in the press, both at home and abroad, which are much to be regretted. Grave charges have been made in the Jap papers against the attitude of friendly nations toward our policy in Siberia or Korea, without any evidence in support of those allegations and without regard to the serious consequences which may follow from them, compromising the position of this country."

SMYRNA OCCUPIED FOR PROTECTION OF POPULATION

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

ATHENS, May 16, (Friday)—Colonel Zaphiris, commander of the Greek troops which landed at Smyrna, has issued a proclamation declaring that the occupation was made by Greece, in concert with her allies, in order to guarantee the security of the population and without anticipating the decision of the peace conference.

DEMAND SOVIET IN BULGARIA

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LONDON, May 17.—Sanguinary encounters have occurred at Sofia, between the garrison and revolutionaries, who demanded the resignation of the government and the establishment of a soviet, according to dispatches from Vienna. All Bulgaria is reported to be in an uproar.

Rustchuk, Philippopolis and Varna are also said to have become affected by the "revolutionary movement."

LEWISTON ELKS INITIATE CLASS OF NEARLY 300

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

LEWISTON, Idaho, May 17.—Marking a unique event in the history of the order in Idaho, the Lewiston Elks lodge today initiated in a single body 287 candidates, the ceremony occurring at the city's principal theatre building. A two-mile parade preceded the event. The remainder of the class, bringing the membership of the Lewiston lodge up to 1000, will be initiated in June, when plans for the erection of a temple to cost \$150,000 will be made.

SATURDAY'S BASEBALL SCORES.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

Pacific Coast League. Los Angeles 6, Oakland 9. Seattle 2, Salt Lake 7. Portland 3, Sacramento 12. San Francisco 1, Vernon 2. (15 innings.) National League. Pittsburg 9, Boston 5. All other games postponed, rain. American League. Philadelphia 1, Chicago 6. Boston 1, St. Louis 2. New York 8, Cleveland 3. Washington 3, Detroit 2.

WILL STUDY UTILITY SIDE

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Assistant Secretary of War Benedict Crowell and a number of war department attaches will leave for Europe soon to study the possibilities of aviation development along lines of civilian development.

THE WEATHER.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, May 17.—Oregon: In eastern part, fair; showers in western portion of state.

COMPLETING TERMS FOR AUSTRIANS

FIVE BILLION MARKS REPARATION PAY WILL BE REQUIRED OF HER.

PEACE CONFERENCE IS WAITING ON GERMANY

Deciding On Mandates For Former Turkish Territory, Conference Offers United States Armenia and Constantinople—Italy Gives Up Her Claim For Dodecanese Islands.

(By Associated Press to The Observer)

The peace conference, while waiting for Germany to decide on her attitude toward the terms, rapidly is completing the treaties for Germany's former allies and is smoothing out the differences between the Allies and associated powers.

Germany's fifteen days in which to make written appeal on the peace conditions, will expire Wednesday. Three days have gone by since the last German note was sent to the conference. Sub-committees are working on the answers and it is probable they will be sent to Versailles before next Thursday.

Peace terms for Austria are nearing completion. It is indicated that the Austrians will present their credentials to representatives of the allied and associated powers Monday afternoon. It is understood that Austria will be called upon to pay reparation of five billion marks, which is one-twentieth of the amount required from Germany.

The council of four has agreed on most of the mandates for the former Turkish empire, and it is understood that the United States has been offered Armenia and Constantinople, with Great Britain getting Mesopotamia and Palestine, France being the mandatory for Syria and Silesia, Italy for Adalia, and Greece for Smyrna. The Sultan of Turkey would be given territory in central Asia Minor, with a capital probably at Brusa.

Greek and Italian claims to the Dodecanese Islands, off Asia Minor, have been adjusted by Italy agreeing to retire in favor of Greece. The islands, which are populated by Greeks, were occupied by Italy during the war with Turkey over Tripoli.

COUNTY TO HAVE ITS HONOR FLAG

Union county is to have a mass meeting of her people to receive the Honor Flag which is due this community for its excellent work in war work, and Ed. E. Kiddle, who handled the Victory Loan, stated today that he would call a meeting as soon as the dates can be arranged. An explanation of the meeting and the flag to be given this county, Mr. Kiddle presented the following letter:

Mr. E. E. Kiddle, Manager Victory Loan Committee, Island City, Oregon. Dear Mr. Kiddle: The record of your county in the Victory Loan as well as all other Liberty Loans, has been such a splendid one that Mr. Cookingham and myself desire your County Honor Flag to be presented to you and your committee in a fitting manner.

Accordingly we have asked Lieut. R. B. Kuykendall, of the 347th Field Artillery, the first man to reach Oregon from the Army of Occupation, to carry this flag to you in person and make presentation on behalf of the State Liberty loan organization.

Lieut. Kuykendall will bring with him a large collection of trophies, including German gas masks, machine gun, automatic gun, flame thrower etc. If you desire to have the flag presented at a mass meeting of your citizens, Lieut. Kuykendall will be glad to give a talk of an hour or so relating his experiences in England, France, Belgium and three months in Germany with the Army of Occupation.

In a couple of days I will wire you the exact date of his visit, which will likely be on June 5 in the evening. Yours very truly, E. B. SMITH, Liberty Loan Executive, Manager for Oregon.

