

ALLIES' DIPLOMATS DISCUSS MILITARY

Gathering at Paris Regarded as Most Important Since Outbreak of War.

RESOURCES ARE TAKEN UP

Secrecy Surrounds Conference, at Which Notables From Every Country on Side of Entente Powers Sit Around "Peace" Table.

PARIS, March 27.—The conference of the entente allies—the most important since the outbreak of the war, began this morning in the great salon of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where many other historic meetings of diplomats have taken place.

Economic Resources Discussed. The entire company took lunch at the Ministry at noon. The afternoon session will be devoted to consideration of the economic resources of the allies.

At the conference, which is being held around the same table where peace terms were discussed at the close of the Spanish-American war, the members are seated, so far as expedition, in groups according to their respective countries.

At the head of the table are the French representatives, namely (from left to right) Leon Bourgeois, Minister without portfolio; Premier Briand, President; Admiral La Caze, Minister of Marine, and General Joffre.

At the other end of the table, facing the French, are (from left to right) General Sir William Robertson, chief of the British headquarters staff; Premier Salandra, of Italy; Tommaso Tittoni, Italian Ambassador at Paris; Baron Bonino, Italian Foreign Minister, and General Count Cadorna, chief of the Italian general staff.

All Nations Represented.

Along the right side of the table are General Castelnau (seated next to General Joffre); General Hachtich, of Roumania; Dr. M. R. Vesnich, Serbian Minister of Finance; Premier Pachich, of Serbia; General Glinzky, aide-de-camp to Emperor Nicholas; M. Sawolsky, Russian Ambassador at Paris; K. Chagas, former Portuguese Premier; K. Matsui, Japanese Ambassador to France; Edvard Grey, British Foreign Minister; David Lloyd George, British Minister of Munitions, and Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British Secretary of State for War.

FRUIT BUYERS ARE WARY

British Embargo Leaves Dealers in Quandary Regarding Market.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., March 27.—(Special.)—Fruit buyers, whether for retail fruit packers or for the canneries, are in a quandary over the policy to be pursued for the coming season as the result of the embargo laid by Great Britain on the importation of canned and dried fruits into that country.

On the other hand, fruit men hope that the embargo will be lifted as soon as the shipping situation is relieved, and as soon as that action is taken there will be a tremendous demand for both canned and dried fruits.

TURKEY DENIES BLAME

Note to America Says Ottoman Submarine Didn't Sink Persia.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Turkey today informed the United States it was not a submarine of the Ottoman government which sank the liner Persia in the Mediterranean last winter with loss of American life.

The Turkish note, in reply to repeated inquiries from the United States, declares that all Ottoman submarines are under instructions to fly their national flag and that none was in the vicinity when the Persia was sunk.

Both Germany and Austria have denied that their submarines destroyed the ship.

Girl Rescues Babe From Flames. PEI LLL, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—While Mr. and Mrs. Everett Martin were at their barn one night this week their 4-year-old daughter, Frances, ran excitedly to them.

Mr. Martin, thinking something was wrong, went to the house and found the dining-room in flames. The little girl had carried the baby from the house.

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DENTIST UNDER ARREST IN PECK POISON MYSTERY.



DR. ARTHUR WARREN WAITE. —Photo by Underwood.

WAITE GERM BUYER

Disease Bacilli Bought Before Father-in-Law Died.

INVESTIGATION MAY SPREAD

Search for Poison in Ashes of Accused Dentist's Mother-in-Law Is Considered by Prosecutor.

Woman Adds Information.

NEW YORK, March 27.—Virulent disease germs were purchased by Dr. Arthur Waite, under arrest here on the charge of poisoning his millionaire father-in-law, John E. Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., according to evidence District Attorney Edward Swann said today he had obtained.

William Weber, an attendant at the Cornell Medical School laboratory, Mr. Swann asserted, told him that between December 17 and March 8, Dr. Waite obtained from him cultures of typhoid, diphtheria and other disease germs.

Analysis of Mr. Peck's vital organs will be made, Mr. Swann said, to learn if they show the presence of germs similar to those purchased by Dr. Waite.

Margaret Horton, the woman who shared a "studio" with Dr. Waite at a hotel here, today gave further information regarding the dentist's interest in germs.

Dr. Waite on several occasions when he purchased germs, and she recognized them as the same under a microscope so she could see them "wiggle."

The authorities are trying to decide whether the dentist died of the death of Mrs. Peck, whose illness was similar to that of her husband.

Mr. Swann said that on the evening of January 29 she was virtually ordered out of the house, although she urged Dr. Waite to allow her to remain as she believed Mrs. Peck's condition was critical.

Mr. Swann said new evidence indicated that Dr. Waite was associated with the grand jury was asked to delay returning an indictment.

Frank A. Waite, brother of the accused man, told the District Attorney he would use his best efforts to have his brother tell the "whole truth."

The statement of Frank Waite and a deposition by his father, telling of hereditary manifestations of mental disorders, indicated to the District Attorney that Dr. Waite would plead insanity as a defense.

GERMANY READY TO PUNISH U-BOAT AGT

President Wilson, However, May Lay Matter Before Congress.

SITUATION BECOMES GRAVE

Acceptance by United States of Berlin's Offer of Reparation Not Assured; All Evidence Indicates Torpedoing.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—With all evidence indicating that the British channel steamer Sussex, carrying American citizens, was the victim of a torpedo, it was said authoritatively here tonight that if a German submarine made the attack, the imperial government would disavow the act, punish the submarine commander, offer reparation and satisfy the United States that the act was in violation of international law.

President is Concerned. President Wilson is awaiting with deep concern the receipt of conclusive evidence not only as to whether the Sussex, aboard which several Americans narrowly escaped death, but as to the sinking of the British steamship.

Already, it was intimated at the State Department, the United States has in its possession information sufficient to warrant the making of an inquiry of the German government as to whether any of its submarines fired a torpedo at the Sussex or the Englishman.

The President holds the opinion that all the details available should be at hand before definite action of any kind is taken. He described the situation to callers during the day as being grave, but said no decisive step should be taken pending the receipt of additional facts.

It is known that the President is seriously considering going before Congress and laying the entire question of submarine warfare before that body.

Certainly he will communicate the situation fully to Congress before taking any definite steps which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations. All phases of the situation probably will be discussed at the Cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Torpedo is Indicated. Chairman Stone, of the foreign relations committee, conferred during the day with President Wilson and the President also was in communication with Secretary Lansing and urged a speedy gathering of facts regarding the Sussex and Englishman.

Sensors and Representatives who called on the White House reported that the situation was serious. Consular Agent Whitman at Boulogne, by French officials, that a piece of bronze, resembling a part of a torpedo, had been found on the channel liner.

The department allowed it to become known tonight that the regular course of diplomatic procedure would be followed in the case of the Sussex and the Englishman.

Much Depends on Berlin. Much, it was said, probably will depend upon the nature of a statement it is expected the German government shortly will make. If the statement denies that a German submarine was concerned, the burden of proof will be on the United States.

A dispatch received by the State Department today officially announced that no American vessels had been lost on the Sussex. The German government, however, has again begun shelling Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, west of the Meuse, and are keeping up with increasing volume their bombardment of the French positions in the region of Vaux and Douaumont, which have been stumbling-blocks for several weeks, in their attempts to gain ground northwest of Verdun.

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FACTS SHOWING THE GREAT POWER OF GERMAN 42-CENTIMETER MORTAR. NEW YORK, March 27.—The World has printed the first detailed facts relative to the famous German 42-centimeter (16.5-inch) howitzer used to batter the forts of Verdun.

Weight of the gun proper 37 4-5 tons. Weight of the platform 41 1/2 tons. Length of barrel, 16 feet 5 inches. Weight of shell, 855 pounds. Length of shell, 4 feet 2 inches. Number of parts in the gun, 172. Railroad cars needed to transport it, 15. Foundation must be sunk to a depth of 26 feet. Liege was shelled from a distance of 14 miles. Casualties caused by first shot, 1700. Casualties caused by second shot, 2300. Namur and Maubeuge held out, each, two shots. Fort Spier, Huy, held out, one shot. Putting up gun takes 25-26 hours. Adjustment of range by other guns lasted six hours. Gun discharged from a distance of 300 yards. All windows broken within radius of 2 1/2 miles. Each shot costs \$2518. To serve the gun it takes 200 men. The gun crew proper wear protectors over their mouths, eyes and ears and lie on their stomachs to keep from being injured by the shock of the discharge. The entire gun emplacement is mined, and the engineer in charge is sworn to blow up the gun if it is in any danger of capture.

MONDAY'S WAR MOVES.

The British and Germans have been fighting fiercely in the region of St. Eloi, just south of Ypres, and the British, through the explosion of a big mine and by infantry charges, have captured or destroyed a considerable portion of the German trenches.

The British infantry stormed and took first and second line trenches along a front of 600 yards, London officially announced, and Berlin admits that German trenches in this region were blown up to an extent of 100 yards, and that "casualties were caused among the company occupying the position."

Again the bombardment has become intense to the northwest and northeast of Verdun and considerable activity by the Germans, after a period of comparative quiet, have again begun shelling Bethincourt, Le Mort Homme and Cumieres, west of the Meuse, and are keeping up with increasing volume their bombardment of the French positions in the region of Vaux and Douaumont, which have been stumbling-blocks for several weeks, in their attempts to gain ground northwest of Verdun.

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well-Known Woman Dies. ABERDEEN, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary Grammatte, Aberdeen pioneer, aged 68, died here today following an operation for cancer. She is survived by two sons, W. C. Grammatte, ex-postmaster, who is now traveling in the East; William Grammatte, Aberdeen merchant, and a daughter, Mrs. L. P. Dudley. Mrs. Grammatte had been a resident of Aberdeen for over 20 years and was widely known.

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reason, by the passport of beauty, by the charms of music and by having some craft or special skill which you know how to carry through," said the speaker.

Mr. Ashbee will speak tomorrow night in the Little Theater.

ARMY IS AFTER RECRUITS. State-Wide Campaign Is Begun in Washington.

TACOMA, March 27.—A state-wide recruiting campaign for the United States regular Army opened today with the sending of Colonel Frank A. Thulin from the Tacoma station to open a recruiting office in Bellingham and other cities, in addition to those at Tacoma, Seattle and Spokane.

Sergeant Dunn remains in the office here, and in a few days three more recruiting men will be sent to aid him. Four recruits left today to report for service at Fort Lawton.

Sergeant Woody, of the United States Marine Corps, maintaining a marine recruiting office, received notice this morning that the state of Washington's

quoita of recruits for the marine service this month is 17, an increase of three over last month.

Ridgefield Bank Has Election. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—At a special election of the directors of the Ridgefield State Bank, Saturday, James E. Keith was elected cashier to fill the vacancy lately made by the resignation of Edward A. Blackmore, who will leave Ridgefield shortly. Mr. Keith has for some time been assistant cashier. The directors are: Edward L. Thompson, president; J. L. Hartman, vice-president; James E. Keith, cashier.

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Lieut. Bryan U.S.N. a government expert on motor-cylinder lubrication, stated before the American Society of Naval Engineers at Washington, D.C.: "Oils made from the asphalt-base crudes have shown themselves to be much better adapted to motor cylinders, as far as their carbon-forming proclivities are concerned, than are paraffine-base Pennsylvania oils." Copy of Lieut. Bryan's full report on motor-cylinder lubrication will be sent on request. ZEROLENE the Standard Oil for Motor Cars is refined from selected California crude— asphalt-base—by methods especially developed by the Standard Oil Company after 40 years of experience. Highest competitive awards—San Francisco and San Diego Expositions. Dealers everywhere and at our SERVICE STATIONS. Standard Oil Company (California) Portland.

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