

BAKER'S VISIT MAY SPEED UP FIGHTING

Secretary of War Expected to Hold Important Conferences Abroad.

WILSON SEEKS WAR ACTION

First-Hand Facts, Gathered by Cabinet Officer in France, Likely to Have Vital Bearing on Future of Great Struggle.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Safe arrival in France of Secretary Baker and his party having been formally announced today by the Navy Department, press reports about his movements on the other side are being watched closely here.

Many officials think it possible that the story of his activities, if permitted to pass the censor, will throw interesting light upon the object of his mission to the theater of war.

Emphasis laid by the War Department upon the fact that Mr. Baker's trip was purely a military pilgrimage, without diplomatic significance, has directed attention to the known desire of President Wilson to see an energetic campaign waged by the allies.

With American troops holding a constantly increasing sector of the battle line, the wishes of the Washington Government undoubtedly will have even greater weight than heretofore with the allied chiefs.

It is assumed here that the Secretary is gathering first-hand information on conditions at the front for the President, and he will be able to give as well as receive important information.

Points to Be Shaped.

The great question of the direction in which the United States is to exert its greatest effort in the war may be decided on the result of these conferences abroad.

There has been a constant conflict not only as to the use of ship tonnage as between the shipment of troops and the shipment of supplies for the allies, but also as to the priority rights of various Army supplies and equipment.

PARIS, March 11.—No. 10 of D. Baker, the American Secretary of War, arrived in Paris this morning. He was received by General Pershing, General Tasker H. Bliss, the American chief of staff, French officers, representing Premier Clemenceau and Ambassador Sharp. The Secretary's voyage was without incident.

Secretary Baker, with his staff, reached Paris at 6:30 A. M. from the French seaport where they landed. Their trip to Paris was made in a special car.

Popular Greeting Looking.

Few people knew of the Secretary's arrival, there being only a small crowd at the station. The members of the party were taken to the Hotel Crill, which will be their headquarters in Paris.

No submarines were sighted during the voyage across, and the weather was fine, except on two days, when stormy, rough conditions were encountered.

SEDITION BRAND PUT ON

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of managers of the house in charge of the prosecution.

Trial May Be Dropped.

It is for the senate to decide whether the trial shall be held or whether the resignation will close the matter.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Conviction of Karl Bunn, managing director, and two other officials of the Hamburg-American line for violating the shipping laws by sending supplies to German cruisers from American ports were in effect sustained today by the Supreme Court, which refused to review the proceedings.

Bunn and Koster, superintending engineer, will be compelled to serve 18 months, and Walter Loppens, a second officer, one year.

ST. LOUIS, March 11.—Eugene Deane, of Mexico, Missouri, was sentenced today to imprisonment in the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, for a year and a day for violation of the espionage act.

Accused Former Preacher.

He was found guilty of having offered to put drug in the eyes of W. O. Johnson, of Mexico, so that Johnson would be rejected in the Army draft.

Letters read in court said Deane had been a Methodist minister at Emmett, Idaho, and that one Sunday he filled a Methodist pulpit at Seattle, Washington, but was not allowed to continue as pastor.

CAMP DODGE, Iowa, March 11.—Found guilty by a general court-martial.

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He said that his purpose in asking that consideration of the amendment when called up last Saturday be postponed was to permit him to make this inquiry, for if the amendment conflicted with the treaty he did not think the United States should follow a bad example in the treatment of our obligations as scraps of paper."

Nation's Pledge Unbroken.

The proud thing in our history is the fact that the United States adheres, even if it might be to its great disadvantage to its solemn pledges and pacts. Senator Stone added, "I wanted to look into this matter. As a result of my investigations I concluded that this legislation was proper and hence was taking no part in the discussion."

In urging his amendment providing for public auction sales of enemy property, prohibiting private negotiations, Senator Frelinghuysen said his purpose was to protect American minority stock interests in German and Belgian corporations. He also urged that the alien property custodian act should be subject to review.

Senator Martin opposed the amendment, which is subject to a final vote later, on the ground that it might handicap Mr. Palmer's action.

Scrap of Paper Issue Raised.

Senators over the debating of the question of treaty ratification in view of Germany's utter disregard of treaties or property rights not only of the countries she has invaded, but also those of neutrals was voiced fairly and debate by Senator Poindexter, of Washington, who asked if the treaty of 1907 was any more sacred than that between Germany and Belgium or the others which Germany has regarded as scraps of paper."

Senator Dillingham objected to the amendment on the ground that the committee had not had time to investigate the need for taking of the German property.

Senator Martin interrupted to say he had just been informed by Mr. Palmer on the telephone that the reason for this legislation was that large expropriations were necessary in connection with the docks and he did not feel that such a large amount should be spent until after title to the property had been handed to the Government.

The amendments were defended by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, who said the taking of such measures to an end to the war was a speedy way to get them through Congress.

Treaty Not Applicable.

Denying that the provision would violate any treaty, Senator Underwood said if it had been violated, the violation occurred when the original alien property custodian law was passed.

"It is no more a violation to sell the property than to take it," he said. Senator Underwood said the treaty of 1873 with Germany did not revive the property clauses of the 1795 treaty with the kingdom of Prussia, the latter being the only treaty now recognized by this Government as being in effect. It provides that property of German merchants in the United States should be taken out of the country within nine months after the outbreak of war.

"The German Emperor demanded of our Ambassador as a basis of his receiving free passports, continued the Senator, that he should grant him grant protection to German property in the United States—a threat, of course, that the Ambassador had too much courage to yield to. But it showed the concern of the German government to protect property of its citizens in this country."

Kaiser May Be Interested.

"And why? Because it is entirely probable that the German Emperor himself, holding in the names of other persons, owns a large part of the property involved."

Senator Underwood urged adoption of the amendments so as to "strike a blow at the classes of Germany that are urging on this war and continuing the war."

The proportion of American property in Germany to German property in the United States is about one to one hundred, Senator Underwood said, and where Germany strikes one blow at us we shall be striking a hundred at her."

It is certain that one dollar ought not go home to them until they have paid for the American ships that have been sunk by them in violation of treaties and then this property should be paid over only according to statute," said the Senator.

WILSON PLEDGES U. S. AID

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territory shows itself, a new uprising will make itself felt.

Whether or not anything resembling a strong central government capable of making organized resistance on a large scale is developed, the hope here is that the determination of the great numbers of the Russians to fight oppression will find expression in some way that will give the Germans much to do in the east until the ultimate victory in the west, about which no doubt is entertained, puts the United States and the allies in the position to give that direct and effective aid of which President Wilson speaks.

The President's message may serve to lessen misgivings in Russia over the proposed intervention by Japan in Siberia.

The understanding here is that there is no difference of opinion among the allies that any operations undertaken by Japan to check German machinations in the east and protect the war stores at Vladivostok will not in any degree threaten permanently Russia's territorial integrity.

Chicago Mayor's Wife Loses Ring.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11.—The theft of a diamond ring valued at \$5000 was reported to the police by Mrs. William Hale Thompson, wife of the Mayor of Chicago, when she arrived here last night from the East. She had taken the ring off, she said, as the train approached Chicago to wash her hands. When she awoke, she found it put in on again it was gone. Mrs. Thompson objected to having any of the passengers searched.

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PARTY'S HOPE SMALL

Nationalists Must Have Recourse to Petition in Oregon.

SIGNATURES NEEDED 11,243

Prohibition Party's Registration When Last Tabulated Was Only Little

More Than 9000—No Convention Can Be Held.

SALEM, Or., March 11.—(Special.)—The National party will have difficulty entering Oregon if it wishes to secure a foothold here, in light of the recent opinion of Attorney-General Brown, which holds that the Prohibition party cannot assign its rights to the National party and allow it to hold a convention for the nomination of candidates.

The only recourse that is left to the new party if it wishes to get into the state is by the circulation of a petition. The total vote for such a petition would require signatures equal to at least 5 per cent of the vote cast for Representatives in Congress at the last election. The total vote for such officers in 1916 was 224,586. Five per cent of that would be 11,243 signatures, the number necessary to give the new National party standing in the state.

Prohibition Registration Gone.

When it is considered that the Prohibition party's registration when last tabulated was only a little more than 9000 and that it has grown scarcely any, if at all, since that time, it is apparent that the pathway of the new party would not be strewn with roses in securing the necessary signatures to a petition, even if the entire registered strength of the Prohibition party would agree to sign such petition.

The Prohibition party succeeded in being recognized as a party in the state by the circulation of such a petition, and the same method would have to be pursued by the National party, state those who have examined into the law.

No Convention Can Be Held.

The new National party is unable to hold a convention in the state because only those parties which have at least 5 per cent of the vote for Representatives in Congress are permitted to hold a convention in the state.

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ADVISORY BOARD FORMED

Committee Will Advise on National Agricultural Problems.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—An advisory committee of representatives of producers of foodstuffs and livestock has been formed by Secretary Houston and Food Administrator Hoover to give advice on National agricultural problems. The committee will be called into conference frequently.

Members of the committee were selected with reference not only to the larger agricultural interests, but also to geographical considerations. Among the number who already have accepted are: F. J. Hagenbarth, Spencer, Idaho; G. W. Hunt, Logan, Ia.; George C. Roeding, Fresno, Cal., and Marion Sanson, Fort Worth, Tex.

24-HOUR PENALTY GIVEN

New York Restaurants to Be Closed for Violation of Food Laws.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Federal Food Administrator Hoover, it was announced here today, has approved the local food board's suspension for one day of the business of 57 lunch rooms and restaurants found guilty of violating the regulations providing for "beefless" and "porkless" days.

The order closing the places for 24 hours will go into effect at midnight.

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