

U. S. HAND ENTENTE TO FIX SLAV POLICY

Concrete Proposal May Be Formulated Today.

MAIN FEATURES AGREED ON

Decision Made to Inquire Into Russian Situation.

FACTIONS TO BE IGNORED

Peace Conference Will Not Grant Audience to Pre-Revolutionary Leader or to Soviet Agents.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme council of the great powers hopes to formulate a concrete proposal on Russia at tomorrow's meeting.

This was the definite official announcement of the communique issued tonight after the council had been considering the Russian situation continuously for the last two days.

It can be added that while this concrete proposal was not finally decided and reduced to writing, its main features were agreed on in principle. The members came from the session, however, feeling that there was no sovereign remedy insuring a certain cure of the difficult and dangerous situation, and that it would be desirable to embody several lines of action in the proposal.

Inquiry Will Be Undertaken.

The first effect of this proposal will be that neither Sergius Sazonoff, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs before the revolution, nor any soviet agents will come to Paris as exponents of Russian affairs, but that some form of inquiry or investigation of political conditions in Russia will be made without considering the presence in Paris of the adherents of either side of the question at issue.

U. S. PAYS TRANSPORT COST

British Government to Receive Actual Expense of Moving Troops.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—The United States will pay the British government actual cost for the transportation of American soldiers overseas in British vessels. Colonel Battison, of the Army transportation bureau, told the House military committee today that General Hiner, head of the bureau, would leave for London in a few days to determine the amount.

PREACHER SENT TO PRISON

Rev. Joshua Sykes Convicted on Charge of Blocking War Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—Rev. Joshua Sykes, aged Berkeley, Cal., and Denver evangelist, was today sentenced to 18 months in the Federal prison at McNeill's Island following conviction on charges of conspiring to obstruct the Government's war programme. "Apostles" A. M. Dean, Walter Crosby and John Ferguson were sentenced to one year and one day each.

WOMEN DEMAND JUSTICE

German Ill-Treatment Basis of Petition to Peace Conference.

PARIS, Jan. 21.—(Havas.)—French women have addressed a petition to the members of the peace conference asking justice in the name of thousands of women, young girls and children, who it is set forth, were systematically torn from their families and subjected to various forms of ill treatment at the hands of the Germans during the war.

LOAN CANCELLATION HIT

California Senate Opposed to Proposed Action.

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According to a statement given out by the ship carpenters' controlling council, another 3000 men belonging to the various woodworking trades employed in shipbuilding have their jobs imperiled by the strike, and may all be forced out through inability of the yards to operate without the metal trades workers.

Wood yards at Olympia, Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Bellingham and Anacortes were operating today, some with short crews. Tonight it was said the ship carpenters, calkers, fasteners and other wood workers who declined to strike everywhere discouraged by labor leaders.

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The metal trades strike is for a basic wage of \$1 an hour for mechanics and \$7 and \$8 a day for helpers and laborers.

Through a Federal wage adjustment board known as the Macy Board, the mechanics were recently granted 8 1/2 cents per hour.

Results of the strike show the following:

In Seattle, two small wooden yards with about 100 woodworkers operated today, out of 11 wood and four steel yards. Contract and machine shops (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

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A deal has just been closed in Portland which old-time hopmen declare is the largest transaction in hop futures and the price the highest that ever occurred in the history of the American hop market.

The deal, which involved 9000 bales of hops, mostly Oregons, represented a total value of \$500,000. The hops were ordered by the London firm of George Bird & Co., and the seller was Ralph E. Williams, of this city.

Contract for Three Years.

The contract calls for the delivery of 3000 bales a year during the next three years. The growers are J. W. Seavey, who will furnish 1500 bales a year; Julius Pincus, who will provide 800 bales a year, and a number of Oregon and Washington growers, who will deliver 1000 bales. The contract price for each of the three years is 25 cents a pound.

For several months the Oregon hop-grower has been independent of the American brewer. The latter believed it was a foregone conclusion that the country would go dry, and it has been a long time since he was interested in hops, except such small quantities as he needed from week to week.

The foreigner, particularly the English brewer, however, has taken his place. No sooner was the armistice signed than the London demand sprang up and prices have advanced rapidly. While the war was still on 1918 hops in Oregon were valued at 8 or 9 cents, or less than the cost of growing. So urgent was the English demand that the price on last year's crop advanced to 40 cents a pound before the supply was exhausted. The "contract" market also swung upward, rising from almost (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

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