

AIMS OF EUROPE CONCISELY TOLD

Claims of Nations Urged at Peace Conference.

DIFFICULT PROBLEMS ARISE

France Seeks Much Territory and Heavy Indemnity.

ENGLAND'S EYE ON TRADE

Belgium Demands First Lien on Assets; Italy Wants Trentino, and Greece Epirus and Thrace.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The delegates of the five great powers are now in a position to compare clearly their own aspirations and those of all their allied friends, and to see the differences that must be reconciled.

The maximum of hopes, often overlapping, has been told freely, and it remains for the peace conference to adjust them into a co-ordinated whole. The desires of the several countries as presented may be compressed thus:

France Desires Territory.

France wants, first of all, Alsace-Lorraine unconditionally, and the right to discuss and ultimately to fix the French frontiers in their relation to the Rhine, which may require the creation of buffer states. One of these would be the Palatinate and another Rhenish Prussia. France also desires to annex the basin of the Saare River, which might be called a reannexation.

France will insist that, so far as the left bank of the Rhine further to the north is concerned, the conference should forbid military works of any kind—barracks, bridgeheads, forts and fortresses—in that zone. The feeling is that the people inhabiting that zone should be free to decide for themselves whether they wish to join France, form an independent state or return to Germany.

Reparation Bill Large.

The French bill for reparation is not yet completed, but it has been announced in the Chamber of Deputies that it will be about \$5,000,000,000.

The French government does not ask for a protectorate in Syria in the ordinary sense, because it considers that the population there is too advanced to make a protectorate necessary, but France, on account of traditional interests in the region, wishes that Syria should be called upon to exercise some sort of guardianship or guidance until Syria should be fully able to govern herself.

Britain for Freedom of Trade.

Great Britain's delegation believes that a system of international trade should be established, and that it must be established by the present peace conference. She advances no continental purpose other than those of a permanent and just peace on the principle of self-determination and that there shall be international protection against by railroads and waterways, which is Britain's general definition of freedom of commerce in times of peace.

Italy Has Many Claims.

Italy asks for the Trentino as far as the Brenner Pass, including the whole of Southern Tyrol, Trieste, Istria, Fiume, Zara, Sebenico, the larger part of the Dalmatian Islands, Avlona and its hinterland, a protectorate over Albania, possession of the islands in the Aegean which were taken from Turkey during the Tripolitan war, and the province of Adalia. If France and England should take territory in Asia Minor.

Italian Contentions.

The Italian contention is that the Dalmatian Islands and such parts of the Dalmatian Coast as are not assigned to Italy shall be neutralized. Should France and England extend their colonial possessions in Africa, Italy desires to enlarge her claims in Eritrea and Tripoli.

Roumanian Problems Difficult.

Territorial contentions in the Balkans are complicated and present difficult problems. Roumania desires to retain possession of that portion of Russian Bessarabia given her by the central powers under the cancelled treaty of Bucharest and now in her possession. Roumania also desires southern Dobruja as ceded to her by Bulgaria after the second Balkan war. Possession of Bessarabia and the Dobruja commands the mouth of the Danube.

To the westward Roumania wants to annex the Hapsburg provinces of Bukovina and Transylvania and a considerable part of the rich agricultural district of Banat. It is here that the Roumanian aspirations conflict with those of Serbia, which affirm that unless her war agreements with the entente, Serbia should have a large portion of Banat as well as other sections of former Austria-Hungary adjoining old Serbia to the north to round out the proposed Jugo-Slav state. Both Roumania and Serbia have moved troops into Banat to secure their claims.

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GUNS AT KRONSTADT BOMBARD PETROGRAD

GREAT FORTRESS ARTILLERY IS WREAKING HAVOC.

Many Persons Reported Killed in Former Russian Capital and Disorder Is General.

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 2.—Petrograd has been bombarded by Kronstadt artillery and many persons have been killed, according to travelers who are quoted in this effect by the Finnish papers. Serious disorders are prevalent in Petrograd.

The great fortress of Kronstadt lies about 20 miles west of Petrograd, at the head of the Gulf of Finland. The Bolshevik forces were reported on January 23 last, in a dispatch from Helsinki to be evacuating Petrograd and removing all their stores. The Bolshevik war minister, Trotsky, was said to be transferring his headquarters to Nishni-Novgorod.

FAST SHIP WINS HONORS

Great Northern Establishes Speed Record for War Transport.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 2.—The steamship Great Northern, which with the sister ship, Northern Pacific, plied as a passenger ship for several years between the mouth of the Columbia River and San Francisco, has come out of the war with distinguished honors. This ship established the speed record for the war by making the round-trip from New York to Brest in 14 days with a stop of 23 hours in the French port. As a troopship it made 11 trips to Europe, carrying more than 20,000 soldiers, and came to be known in naval circles as the "mystery ship." It has recently been overhauled and equipped for carrying wounded and ill soldiers.

BELGIAN SOCIALISTS BALK

Delegates Will Not Be Sent to Conference at Bern.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—Belgian Socialists will not go to Bern under any consideration," said Baron Capelle, one of the secretaries of the Belgian peace delegation, Saturday afternoon, "or if delegates make the journey they will not be representing the Belgian Socialist party." "The delegates here have an imperative mandate from their brothers in Belgium instructing them to refuse to meet the Germans. These latter Belgians are Socialists who remained more than four years in the brutal grip of German domination, and they will never forget.

STRIKE BALLOT IS DENIED

Central Federated Union Not in Favor of Mooney Assessment.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Officials of the Central Federated Union denied last night that they voted to accept the program of the Thomas J. Mooney labor congress for a general strike on July 4, or that they had approved a general assessment, as announced in San Francisco.

The only action taken by the New York organization, they said, was to appoint a propaganda committee to keep alive interest in Mooney's case.

MR. GARFIELD TO SPEAK

Fuel Administrator Will Address Washington Graduating Class.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—United States Fuel Administrator H. A. Garfield will be the principal speaker at the commencement exercises of the University of Washington Monday, June 16, it was announced yesterday.

COSSACK TROOPS MUTINY

Soldiers Shoot Officer and Then Ask Americans to Protect.

VLADIVOSTOK, Thursday, Jan. 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Cossacks under General Kalmikoff, commander of the Ussuri river front, have mutinied and shot an officer. The Cossacks surrendered their arms and horses to the American troops, whose protection they requested. The men declared that they no longer would serve under Kalmikoff.

WARRANT OUT FOR DIETZ

Football Coach Accused of Falsifying to Questionnaire.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 2.—A warrant for the arrest of William ("Lonestar") Dietz, football coach, who was indicted Friday by the Federal grand jury for alleged falsification of his questionnaire, was issued yesterday in Federal Court.

FILIPINOS ARE ANXIOUS

Status of Islands Under Prohibition Inquired About.

MANILA, P. I., Feb. 2.—The question as to whether the recently ratified National prohibition amendment in the United States affects the Philippine Islands has been raised here. Acting Governor Charles E. Yeater has sent an inquiry to Washington asking a ruling in the matter.

UKRAINE NOW IN IMMINENT DANGER

Moscow Bolsheviks May Completely Dominate.

ENTENTE SLOWNESS IS BLAMED

Russian Empire Gives Comprehensive Statement.

AUSTRIANS BACK OF MOVE

Military Situation Declared to Be in Serious State, Due to Failure of Support by Allied Troops.

BY ARNO DOSCH FLEUBOT. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

BERLIN, via Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Ukraine is in imminent danger of falling under the complete domination of the Moscow Bolsheviks and can only be saved by rapid action on the part of the entente. Entente troops might have, at any time in the past two months entered Kiev and have held this additional bulwark against Bolshevism. Even the Germans in Kiev arranged for the entente to relieve them and if desired by the entente, to form a joint army.

The understanding was reached a month ago between the German diplomatic representative, Count Berkeheim, and the French diplomatic agent, M. Hanno, who went to Kiev from Odessa, but with no troops coming, the Germans also were forced to leave, helping thousands of Russians to escape with them.

EX-MAJESTIES ESTRANGED

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TROOPS FIGHT SPARTACANS

Bremen to Be Freed From Menace of Bolshevism.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Fighting between the Spartacans and government troops continues in Bremen, according to Copenhagen dispatches to the Exchange Telegraph Company. Gustav Noack, secretary for military affairs, is said to have declared that Bremen and other ports must be freed of the menace of Bolshevism to permit the movement of food steamers.

DEATHBED MARRIAGE CULMINATES ROMANCE

CHARLES WATSON WEDS AGNES GILBRITH; DIES IN HOUR.

Ceremony Hastily Arranged When Physicians Tell Bridegroom of His Serious Condition.

While awaiting death, which physicians declared inevitable, Charles G. Watson, an employe of the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company line, was married to Miss Agnes G. Gilbrith, of The Dalles, the marriage being the culmination of a romance which had extended over 10 years. Mr. Watson died from influenza one hour following the wedding.

Mr. Watson became ill about one week ago, and Saturday when his condition became alarming Miss Gilbrith was called to his home at 24 1/2 Dixon street. At noon yesterday Dr. A. G. Idd and F. M. Taylor, after consultation, opined that the patient would not recover.

Mr. Watson was told of his condition and an immediate marriage was his suggestion. Miss Gilbrith readily assented and Rev. R. H. Sawyer, pastor of the East Side Christian Church was called and requested to make preparations for the marriage.

County Clerk Beveridge was told of the unusual circumstances surrounding the proposed wedding, with a result that he hastened to the Courthouse and prepared the license for the couple. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with relatives gathered about the bedside of the sick man as witnesses, the marriage ceremony was performed. Just one hour after the simple but impressive rites had been completed the bridegroom breathed his last. Mr. Watson was 33 years old and had been a resident of Portland for about eight years. He was employed as a locomotive engineer for the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation Company and met his wife in The Dalles about 10 years ago.

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U. S. OCCUPATION POLICY IS LAUDED

Natives Enjoy Maximum of Possible Freedom.

UNEMPLOYMENT ON DECREASE

Trade Conditions Are Fast Returning to Normal.

FOOD SITUATION IMPROVES

Business Functions Virtually Unhindered and Germans Bid for Military Trade.

BY CYRIL BROWN. (Copyright, 1919, by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

COBLENZ, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—An investigation into the social and economic conditions in the occupied area yields complete justification to the wise broad-minded American policy of permitting the natives to enjoy the maximum of possible freedom and the minimum of restrictions at the same time. The conditions today are a striking tribute to Major-General Dickman, his staff and every member of the Army of occupation, for their efficient common sense in carrying out the liberal American policy.

One outstanding feature is that economic conditions continue to improve in the American area as a direct result of the population being permitted to circulate freely, with no other pass than an identification card.

Business Functions Unhindered.

As a result business within the area functions virtually unhindered and is fast returning toward normal, while much new business is reported as originating within the area offered by our troops. The fact that the doughboys are liberal spenders and the German tradesmen are making a strong bid for American military trade, is also a factor in the increasing prosperity throughout the American area.

Under American occupation it is certain that unemployment has decreased and is continuing to decrease steadily. The rural districts under American occupation look particularly good and investigation in the area held by the 6th division disclosed the number of farm horses has doubled since the armistice was signed.

Food Conditions Improve.

The people of the area continue quiet, causing a minimum of trouble. The principal complaint of the natives is against the continuance of the blockade, which they resent, feeling that the war is over. Another feature in the cap of the American occupation forces is the fact that food conditions, which quite normally are growing worse due

DUTCH SHIPS TO BE RETURNED TO OWNERS

RELEASE OF VESSELS SEIZED BY U. S. ORDERED.

With War Emergency Passed, Desire Now Is to Put Carriers Back Into Normal Channels.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Dutch ships requisitioned by the American Government during the war and now operated by the Shipping Board will be unconditionally returned to Holland as rapidly as they reach American ports at the conclusion of their present voyage. This announcement was made today by the War Trade Board, which has reached an agreement on the subject with the Shipping Board.

The Dutch ships were seized in American ports last March 29 by order of President Wilson, acting in the emergency. There were 37 of the vessels with an aggregate of 539,900 deadweight tons, but several were destroyed by enemy action or storms while in the service of the United States.

Under the agreement with the Dutch ship owners, vessels destroyed were to be replaced by money or ships at the option of the Dutch owners and liberal rates for their use were allowed.

Today's announcement said the release of the craft had been decided upon because the war emergency had passed and because of the desire to return ships and trade to normal channels as quickly as possible.

Return of these vessels will mark the conclusion of protracted discussion and procedure relating to the question which began soon after the United States entered the war.

BELGIANS AWAIT WILSON

People Eager to Show Affection for American President.

PARIS, Feb. 1.—"Brussels is anxiously awaiting the fixing of the date of President Wilson's visit," said Paul Hymans, the Belgian Foreign Minister and peace delegate, to the Associated Press this afternoon. "Your President may be sure of one of the greatest receptions of his visit to Europe. It may be small as regards the number of people, compared with Paris and London, but in enthusiasm and love it will be second to none."

EARLY SPRING IS ASSURED

Ground Hog Ventures From Hole, but Doesn't See His Shadow.

Portland measured six weeks of fine weather and an early Spring, all because the ground hog yesterday, according to annual custom, ventured from his hole, didn't see his shadow and so stayed out.

The weather man is authority for the fact that there was no sunshine yesterday, his instruments failing to record a single beam, although some persons there are who maintain that they saw a glimpse of sunshine at various fleeting moments early in the day. But most of us prefer the weather man's version.

GREEKS NOW ABANDON FEZ

Allied Troops Put End to Reign of Terror by Turks.

SALONIKI, Feb. 1.—Detachments of allied troops have arrived at Adrianople and put an end to Turkish terrorism of the inhabitants which had been in progress ever since the war. The Greeks are now wearing hats instead of fezzes, which the Turks forced them to wear.

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SEATTLE STRIKE IS SET FOR THURSDAY

Unions Vote to Support Shipyard Workers.

PRINTERS JOIN IN WALKOUT

Piez Edict Attributed to Proposed Settlement Agreement.

130 LOCALS ARE INVOLVED

San Francisco District Workers Vote to Suspend Action Pending War Board Decision.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—Unofficial information early this evening from the conference room where representatives of 130 local unions affiliated with the Seattle Central Labor Council have been in continuous session today was to the effect that a general sympathy strike in support of the 25,000 striking shipyard workers will be called for Thursday morning, February 6, at 10 o'clock.

The strike date recommended will be subject to final action by the Central Labor Council at its meeting next Wednesday night.

Printers Join in Strike.

The Seattle Typographical Union voted today to join in the strike, and the Leathermen's Union decided to disregard the order of its international officers prohibiting the Seattle union from taking part in the strike as it voted to do last week. The street-car men's union polled a majority strike vote today and telegraphed international officers for approval.

Executive officers of the leading Seattle labor unions said today that the declaration of General Manager Charles Piez of the Fleet Corporation, that the striking Seattle shipyard workers must return to their jobs under the Macy award before other wage settlements can be discussed makes a general sympathetic strike "inevitable."

Seventy Unions Take Ballot.

Labor leaders say that the Piez statement was called forth by his receipt of a proposed settlement agreement tentatively entered into by representatives of the strikers and shipyard owners, after a conference under the auspices of the Seattle Industrial Relations committee.

Officers of the council assert that 70 of the affiliated unions have voted on the proposed strike order, and but few have voted against it.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—Members of the Maritime District Bay Council, comprising five woodworking shipyard crafts, at a mass meeting today by a large majority voted to suspend strike action and refer their demand for increased pay over the Macy award to the War Labor Board.

The machinists, at a special meeting called to consider the Macy award, the compromise offer of the California Metal Trades Association for retroactive pay under the Macy award, voted not to strike.

PIEZ' GOOD FAITH QUESTIONED

Fleet Corporation First to Violate Macy Award, Says Labor.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 2.—Officials of the Metal Trades Council, after a lengthy conference last night, issued a formal statement in reply to one made by Charles Piez, head of the Emergency Fleet Corporation at Philadelphia.

The labor reply charged that the Fleet Corporation "violated the terms of the memorandum (Macy agreement) by first forcing both workers and employers to accept the Macy award, and then through its threat to cut off the supply of materials to any yard or district that entered into an agreement with its employees."

The reply contended that neither the Macy board nor the Fleet Corporation had a right to interfere with employer and employe in reaching an agreement, and stated that the Seattle Metal Trades Council never sanctioned the signing of the memorandum which, it said, was "signed in violation of the constitutional rights of the members of the various organizations involved."

Mr. Piez, said the reply, stated to James A. Taylor, president of the Metal Trades Council, that he would not interfere with the yards entering into an agreement with the workers on the Pacific Coast.

"In conclusion," said the reply, "we wish to say that Mr. Piez evidently is making his statement in an endeavor to cover up the deficiencies and mistakes of the Macy board."

THREE UNIONS UPHOLD STRIKE

Timber Workers, Auto Mechanics and Butchers Included.

TACOMA, Feb. 2.—Three unions voted today to go out on sympathy strike with the shipyard workers. They were the butchers, the timber workers and the automobile mechanics. The butcher workers, who also voted, declined to give out the result. The barbers began polling a vote today.

It is expected the Tacoma Central Labor Council at its meeting tomorrow will change the date for a general tie-up from Tuesday noon until Thursday at 10 A. M. to conform with the decision announced by the Seattle unions.

