

EXPERTS TO PEER INTO GREEK CLAIMS

Two Proposals Before Society of Nations' Commission.

PROBLEMS ARE DIFFICULT

Question of Degree of Representation to Be Accorded Large and Small Powers at Issue.

PARIS, Feb. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme council at its meeting today agreed that questions in the statement of Premier Venizelos concerning Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement should be referred to a commission of experts whose duty it would be to make recommendations for a just settlement.

The commission will be composed of two representatives each from the United States, the British empire, France and Italy.

At the session the committee about to start for Poland was received for a final discussion of the situation.

Commission to Decide. The official statement on the proceedings of the supreme council today reads:

"The President of the United States, the Prime Ministers and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the United States, the British empire, France, Italy and Japan met this morning at the Quai d'Orsay, from 11 to 1 o'clock. M. Venizelos made a statement regarding Greek territorial interests in Asia Minor.

"The following resolution was approved:

"It is agreed that the questions raised in the statement by M. Venizelos as to the Greek territorial interests in the peace settlement shall be referred for examination in the first instance to an expert committee composed of two representatives each of the United States of America, the British empire, France and Italy. It shall be the duty of this committee to reduce the questions for decision within the narrowest possible limits and make recommendations for a just settlement. The committee is authorized to consult with the representatives of the peoples concerned."

League Plans Discussed. "The next meeting will take place tomorrow (Wednesday), February 5, at 3 P. M., when the Czech-Slovak delegates will be heard."

President Wilson presided tonight over the commission of the Society of Nations, which had before it the completed project for constituting the league, discussing it article by article. While there is no authoritative information concerning the details of the project, the distribution of printed drafts among the members has disclosed the main features, and these can be summarized as follows:

Two main plans have been presented, which the members of the commission regard as embodying the American views, though both plans are composite, containing the best features from various sources—American, British, French and Italian.

First Plan More Democratic. Both plans are being considered together. In its original form the first plan is generally regarded as more democratic, and therefore more acceptable to the small powers, whereas the revised plan is considered to be the smaller powers, as it eliminates them from the executive branch of the proposed organization and is a long step toward the creation of an international supreme council, with a fundamental basis of codified international law.

The first plan had three main features—first, a legislative branch, on which the great and small nations were equally represented each as a unit.

Second, an executive branch consisting of two members from each of the great powers, the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, and nine members chosen from the small powers. This gave the executive body a total membership of 19, of whom 10 represented the great powers and nine represented the small powers.

Arbitration is Provided. Third, arbitration was provided for the determination of international issues. In case of a dispute between two nations, each nation named arbitrators, and these two selected a third arbitrator. Three arbitrators thus chosen constituted a tribunal for determining the issues.

The foregoing, on broad lines, is the project which meets with most favor among the small nations, as they would be represented both on the legislative and executive branches. It is to be noted that such an organization would follow somewhat the lines of that of the present peace conference, as the legislative branch is analogous to the plenary session at the conference, while the executive branch is similar to the council of the great powers now holding daily sessions.

The revised plan makes several important changes. The legislative branch remains the same, with the great and small nations represented. The executive branch is modified, however, so as to consist chiefly of the great powers, with two representatives from each, to which others from the small powers may be added when interests especially affecting them are at issue.

Second Proposal More Exclusive. The third branch is entirely changed so as to eliminate the plan of arbitrators and substitute an executive council of the great powers as a tribunal for judging international issues.

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PRODUCERS WANT GOVERNMENT TO CURB MONOPOLY. Texas Cattleman Recommends Fixing of Prices for Livestock, Meat and Labor.

ROOSEVELT CARTOONS DISTRIBUTED.

The Oregonian has received so many requests for copies of the Roosevelt cartoon entitled "The Long Long Trail," which it printed on January 10 last, that it has reprinted the cartoon on heavy art paper for general distribution. This drawing, by Darling, is one of the finest pieces of work that has been done by any cartoonist. Copies will be given to all who request them at the business office of The Oregonian today and until the supply is exhausted. A large number has been printed, but the requests will be many and it will be advisable to apply without delay. They are free.

WEIMAR SITUATION BETTER

German Troops Believed Strong Enough to Curb Interference With National Assembly. BERLIN, Feb. 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—The situation at Weimar, where the German National Assembly is to meet on Thursday, is showing marked improvement. The action of the local soldiers' council in returning to the vanguard of the government troops the arms that were taken from the arriving force on its appearance here early yesterday is regarded as an indication that the local revolutionary body does not propose to permit the situation to become acute, especially as public sentiment is showing itself opposed to radical action.

TEXTILE STRIKE SPREADS

25,000 EMPLOYEES ARE OUT AT LAWRENCE, MASS. Operatives in Other Towns Demand 48-Hour Week—Brunswick, Maine, Mills to Close. LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 4.—The strike of the textile operatives here to obtain 54 hours' pay for 48 hours' work grew today. It was estimated tonight that in the city's 12 mills not more than 5000 of the 20,000 workers were at their places.

SIGMA CHI FOUNDER DIES

Major Thomas Cowan Bell Well Known Throughout Oregon. OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 4.—Major Thomas Cowan Bell, one of the seven founders of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, is dead at his home here, aged 86. The fraternity was founded on June 18, 1855, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Moving to Oregon in 1858, Mr. Bell became successively president of Philomath College, principal of the Dallas Collegiate Institute, and president of the Central Oregon State Normal School. After several years' residence in Portland, Or., he came to Oakland, where he was a resident here until Oregon for the Grand Army of the Republic.

OBITUARY.

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 4.—Ex-Queen Maria Theresa, of Bavaria, died last night at the Chateau Wildenberg, according to a dispatch from Munich today.

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The funeral of Mrs. Addie Elliott Moon, who died Sunday in Salem, was held this afternoon in the First Methodist Church here. Mrs. Moon had been a resident of Albany for more than 40 years. She was born near Crabtree, in Linn County, June 28, 1855. Mrs. Moon was a member of the First Methodist Church of Albany for many years. She was also a member of the Lady Macabees, the Neighbors of Woodcraft and the Twenty-five Hundred Club. She was survived by her husband, G. C. Moon, of this city, and one son, Arthur Moon, of Hoquiam, Wash.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 4.—Lieutenant-General John C. Bates, U. S. A., retired, died here today, aged 73. He entered the United States Army in 1861, being appointed a Lieutenant from Missouri.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Ruby Delaney, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Delaney, of this city, died Saturday night.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—John H. Fletcher, 77 years old, pioneer prune orchardist of Clarke County, and a resident here since 1870, died at his home in Vancouver Sunday night. He was a native of Fremont

PRESIDENT DISCERNS NEED OF BIG NAVY

Congress Appealed To for Favorable Action.

REASONS ARE KEPT SECRET

House Naval Committee Chairman Refuses to Tell Text of Message Involving Foreign Policy.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Disclosure in the House today by Chairman Padgett, of the naval committee, that President Wilson, in a cablegram last week to Secretary Daniels, insisted that Congress adopt the new three-year naval building programme, was followed by a public disclosure of the reasons for the President's cablegram was responsible for the committee's unanimous recommendation of the construction of 10 dreadnoughts and 10 scout cruisers, carried in the new \$126,000,000 naval appropriation bill, consideration of which was begun today in the House.

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Mr. Padgett refused to make public the text of the message on the ground that questions of foreign policy were involved in its contents.

Alabama Representative Opposed.

"The President was very insistent that the three-year programme should be carried out," declared Mr. Padgett. "In substance, the President stated nothing had occurred over there to change his recommendation, but said if there were developments in the way of tribunals for disarmament and a league of nations he would be willing a proviso should be inserted to allow him to discontinue the programme." Only one member of the committee opposed during debate today. Representative Huddleston, of Alabama, criticized the bill as representing a policy of imperialism that would saddle the country with a burden of militarism and would lead to another war. Representative Kelley, of Michigan, Republican member of the naval committee, urged the expansion, as did Representative Miller, of Washington, another Republican.

Republicans Ask Questions.

A cross-fire of questions from Republican Representatives disclosed that the President had sent a message to the House asking for the necessity of passing the bill. Representative Gillette, of Massachusetts, asked if the message said "that the failure of the bill would be fatal to my negotiations," and said he regarded such language as "intimating the United States had only one negotiator over there."

"That is not accurate," answered Mr. Padgett.

Edward C. Lasher, member of the executive committee of the National Livestock Association and former chief of the livestock and markets division of the Food Administration, told the House committee that the cattle industry would be destroyed if the Government did not take steps immediately towards assuring the producer a just profit. He declared that more cattlemen were facing bankruptcy today than at any other time in the history of the industry and that Government ownership was the only solution.

WHEAT PROTECTION ASKED

EXPORTERS WANT RETURN TO NORMAL CHANNELS. Dealers Ask Continuance of Grain Corporation in Making Good Government Guarantee. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Grain dealers, exporters and millers today presented to the House agriculture committee varied suggestions for methods of carrying out the Government's guarantee to producers of \$2.26 a bushel for wheat. The grain dealers proposed that the corporation actually buy the grain at \$2.26, sell it to millers or other consumers at a profit, and use the difference to pay the farmers the difference between the Government price and the market price at which the grain was sold.

COPPER MEN SEEK HELP

CONGRESS APPEALED TO FOR BENEFICIAL LEGISLATION. Many Miners Idle Because of Decreased Demand for the Metal in World Markets. WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Congress was urged in a report today by representatives of the copper-mining workers of Utah, Arizona and Montana to provide legislation for the extension of long-term credits to foreign countries to stimulate the copper market and relieve conditions in the industry characterized as critical. The resolutions also called upon the War and Navy Departments to withhold the stocks of copper now on hand from the market.

BRITISH WAR COST HUGE

Daily Telegraph Estimates Expense at 40 Billion Pounds. LONDON, Feb. 4.—(British) wireless service announced today that the cost of the war is estimated at 40 billion pounds in a special article in the Daily Telegraph today. The author estimates the indirect cost of the war at 10 billion pounds. The direct cost of the war is estimated at 30 billion pounds. The author estimates the indirect cost of the war at 10 billion pounds. The direct cost of the war is estimated at 30 billion pounds.

County, Vermont, and came to this county in 1870. He leaves seven children, including Mrs. Elizabeth J. Fletcher, of this city; Mrs. Lulu Rands, of Portland; William R. Fletcher, of The Dalles, Or.; Miss May E. Fletcher, of Vancouver; Edward Fletcher, of Portland; and Harry H. Fletcher, of Seattle.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mary LeFever, a pioneer resident of the Klickitat Valley, died at the LeFever homestead near the Twin Buttes east of Goldendale Sunday following a brief illness with pneumonia. Mrs. LeFever was married to her husband, Winfield Scott LeFever, to the Klickitat country in 1878 was born in Maryland in 1849. The family came to the Pacific Coast from Iowa by boat around the Horn and located first in the Willamette Valley, coming to Klickitat County shortly afterwards. Mr. LeFever succumbed in 1914. Eight children survive as follows: George LeFever, Skagway, Alaska; Frank LeFever, Monmouth, Or.; Harry LeFever, Goldendale; Mrs. Nettie Nelson, Goldendale; Richard C. LeFever, Goldendale; Jess C. LeFever, Cascade; and John LeFever, Goldendale; Mrs. Mary Steiner, Curry County, Oregon.

News of the death of Senior Lieutenant Warwick Williams, of the United States Navy, on January 27 at Gibraltar, was received here today. Mr. Williams was killed by his widow, Lieutenant Williams was on the United States steamer West Mohamet, and had sailed from Honolulu, Hawaii, on January 18. Mrs. Williams was formerly Miss Madeline Hollins, daughter of William Hollins, president of the O. W. R. & N. at La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson, of 714 East Madison street, received news yesterday of the death of their son, Benjamin Simpson, former Portland boy, at Santa Cruz, Cal., of pneumonia, aged 23, following an attack of Spanish influenza. He was the grandson of the Hon. Ben Simpson, one of the best-known pioneers.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—N. A. Hart, of Oregon City, aged 20, died at the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, Monday from influenza. The body was brought to Oregon City.

SPokane Radicals Meet

"LEAGUE FOR DEMOCRACY AT HOME" TO BE FORMED. Combination of Bolshevik Elements of Socialists, Non-Partisans and I. W. W. Planned. SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—An organization combining the Bolshevik elements of the Socialists, non-Partisans and Industrial Workers of the World, was launched at a meeting of radicals in Socialist Hall. The new society will be called the "League for Democracy at Home" and while it is local in character in its infancy, its leaders are confident that it will rapidly spread throughout the United States.

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LIBERTY BONDS BUY FREEDOM. BEND, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Liberty bonds brought freedom this morning to F. E. Dick, of Bend, who bought his way out of jail with two \$50 bonds. He was confined for failure to pay a \$100 fine imposed for having venison killed out of season in his possession.

CHARLES NOBLE IS DEAD. Portland Man Succumbs to Attack of Pneumonia in France. OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Charles S. Noble, former resident of Oregon City and for the past two years of Portland, died in Paris, France, recently, according to a cablegram received by his widow, Mrs. Eva Noble, of 563 East Madison street, Portland. Bernard Noble, interpreter for the peace conference, was with his father when he died.

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