

GERMANS INDIGNANT AT PLANS OF ALLIES

Views of the Spartacans and Anti-Spartacans in Berlin, Among First to Reach United States.

FRANCE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN PRODUCTS

Actual Reconstruction Work to Be Begun at Once.

\$250,000,000 TO BE SPENT

Negotiations Began With the United States for Tools, Farming Implements, Raw Materials.

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PARIS, Feb. 19.—(Special Cable).—Politics dropped into second place today when it became known that France has reached a condition which will enable her to undertake actual reconstruction work.

To that end she has begun negotiations with the United States for purchases that may reach, at the outset, \$250,000,000; and she has let it be known that she will be almost immediately in the market for \$50,000,000 worth of machine tools, for as much more in agricultural implements, for \$100,000,000 worth of cotton, and for great values in copper and other minerals and raw materials.

The bulk of these purchases, if not all of them, is to return to America. Purchases will not be negotiated on direct government credit, but they will be arranged through a banking syndicate which will supply and distribute them to French customers, giving them long time credits.

American firms will be asked to bid on contracts which will probably be placed in the hands of a French commission in America, co-operating with such organizations as may be erected out of what was formerly the war industries board.

French decision to begin the work of rebuilding her industries comes coincidentally with an order permitting the return of fugitives to their homes in the devastated districts. The plan is not related to the new armistice terms, which have been announced to Germany after having been approved by the allies. Marshal Foch appeared before the supreme war council today to report that he had communicated the new terms to Germany which had been previously outlined.

Russian affairs occupied the attention of the council of ten today. Discussion having been held this afternoon, at which effort was made to compare the differences in three plans of assessing payments by Germany, the plans having been prepared by France, Great Britain and the United States. It is probable that Germany's ability will prove a controlling factor in the adoption of a method of computing her liability.

Project for League of Nations Evokes Sharp Criticism.

ERZBERGER BARES FACTS

Wireless Orders From German High Command Nov. 10 Were "You Must Sign the Armistice."

BERLIN, Tuesday, Feb. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The project for a league of nations has evoked sharp criticism in the German press generally. Professor Schuecking, vice-president of the German Association for a League of Nations, believes Germany should and must be permitted to join the league simultaneously with the other powers. He finds much to criticize in the proposed statutes and thinks Germany should endeavor to bring about such modifications of them as would protect her vital interests in the projected league.

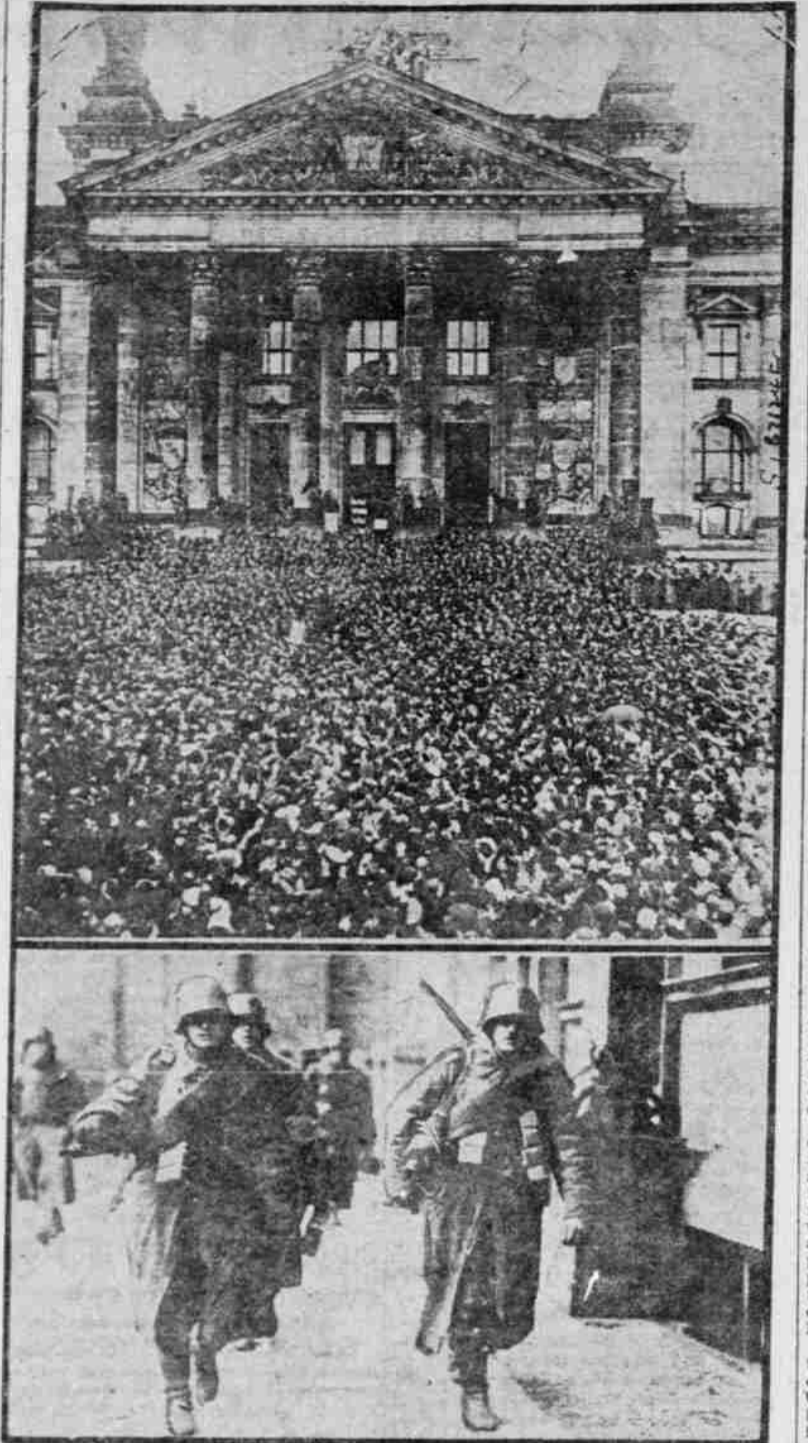
WEIMAR, Feb. 18.—(Havas.)—Telegrams of protest against the signing of the new armistice are pouring in to the national assembly and one from Berlin demands that a period of national mourning be ordered.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—It is reported that Captain von Selow, naval delegate on the German armistice commission, has resigned the post, the reason being that negotiations carried out by him with Matthias Erzberger, the chairman of the commission, "had disastrous consequences."

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 19.—The German armistice commission will in future be under control of the foreign office, according to an unofficial dispatch from Berlin. The report of the resignation of Captain von Selow, naval delegate from the German armistice commission, is semi-officially declared to be unfounded.

WEIMAR, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Matthias Erzberger, of the German armistice commission, again held the center of the stage at today's session of the national assembly, outlining the entire history of the armistice negotiations, in reply to a bitter personal attack upon him by Delegate Vogler of the German people's party, who demanded peace.

The house was in an uproar for the better part of an hour, first in protest against Herr Vogler's attack and then in enthusiastic support of Herr Erzberger. Herr Erzberger told the house many things about the armistice which were either unknown to or only been suspected by his hearers. One of these was his unqualified statement that it was Prince Maximilian of Baden who had approached the entente because of the "iron compulsion of the high military command for peace." It was Field Marshal von Hindenburg who demanded and authorized the signing of the first terms, Herr Erzberger declared.



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The democratic and spartacan factions daily clash in Berlin, and there are occasions of street fighting and rioting in general. The upper photograph shows a dense spartacan throng gathered in front of the Reichstag building for a demonstration. The lower shows machine-gun guards, fully equipped, on their way to attempt to disperse the socialist element in obedience to the commands of Herr Ebert.

Emergency Fleet corporation and asking private underwriters to insure "the undesirable vessels and the auxiliary powered hulls." The latter ships were of faulty construction and lacked adequate motive power, he added, yet private insurers had quoted terms "based on the best information available," though it was doubtful, in his opinion "if the rates will pay the losses, to say nothing of taxes which the government's funds escape."

There were no seagoing freighters of wood in the period prior to the war and there was no fair basis of comparison, Mr. Medie asserted, of rates charged to insure them.

Today licenses were issued to George A. Winston, 19, and Miss Esther F. Gerard, 17, of Burton, Wash.; Robert Ryan, 23, of Starke, Iowa; and Miss Helen Walsh, 15, of Portland; Angus Fichtner, 18, and Miss Gladys Williams, 18, both of Portland.

YOUTHFUL COUPLES MARRY First Signs of Spring Appear in Vancouver, Wash. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 12.—(Special.)—The first signs of spring have appeared here, the marriage of a number of couples, the first of which is usually accompanied by more than the average number of minor marriages.

Orders Were Imperative. Herr Erzberger, in reply, said that Vogler's most serious complaint was based on a complete misunderstanding of actual events and were a willful misrepresentation.

On the evening of November 19, Herr Erzberger continued, he received a wireless from the German high command, asking for concessions on nine points, made public in the first time that "even if you do not succeed in obtaining concessions on these points, you must sign the armistice."

VIENNA, Tuesday, Feb. 19.—President Seitz of the German-Austrian republic in a speech yesterday declared that the republic was firmly established and that the Hapsburg dynasty was a thing of the past. He said that the formal abdication of the throne would be demanded from former Emperor Charles, who up to this time had only withdrawn from the government and had not abdicated.

CAPITAL TAX IS PROPOSED

FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE WORKING OUT PLANS. Payments Will Extend Over Long Period and Will Raise Huge Sum for Government.

WESTPHALIA MINES CLOSED

Strikers Reported to Have Seized Munitions and Compelled Young Men to Enter Army.

GENERAL STRIKE OF SPARTACANS CRIPPLES PRODUCTION.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 12.—More than 100 coal mines in Westphalia have been closed on account of the general strike called by the Spartacans. It is reported that the Spartacans have seized quantities of munitions and compelled young men to enter the Spartan army. At many places sailors and laborers have carried out acts of sabotage.

LODGE OFFICIAL IS GUEST

Eastern Star Entertains Most Worthy Grand Matron. Mrs. Emma C. Ocozbek of Hartford, Mich., most worthy grand matron of the Order of the Eastern Star, was honored by chapters of the state at a banquet and reception held at the Metropolitan hotel last night.

TAFT TO RETURN TO YALE

Kent Professorship of Law to Hold ex-President as Lecturer. NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 19.—William Howard Taft will return to Yale university next fall as Kent professor of law, it was announced at the university yesterday.

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INSURANCE RATES UPHOLD

CHARGES DECLARED NOT DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST U. S. President of National Board of Marine Underwriters Auswers Charges of Edward X. Hurley.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Marine insurance rates are neither excessive nor discriminatory against American shipping, William H. McGee, president of the national board of marine underwriters, declared in a statement tonight answering the charges of Edward X. Hurley, chairman of the United States shipping board, and Senator Fletcher, of Florida, in Washington yesterday.

THIRD OREGON BOYS LAND

(Continued From First Page) Hanson, W. M. Bailey, Hugh W. Cople, Harold Sexton, Leon Bentley and Eugene Lattisaw.

UMATILLA PLANNING WELCOME

Soldiers and Sailors to Receive Certificates of Appreciation. UMATILLA, Or., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Umatilla is planning to welcome home her returned soldiers and sailors. A delay in formulating arrangements has been caused by the illness of the members of the city council. E. C. Brownell and Patrick F. Polten have been named as assistants to the mayor on the welcome committee.

A card party or dance is planned for the near future at which to give certificates of appreciation for services to the soldiers and sailors upon their return. Mr. Polten has secured employment for two of Umatilla's returned soldiers to date and the town is making an effort to place the boys in positions as they are discharged.

Cuba Fixes Flour Embargo. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The Cuban government has placed a 60-day embargo on all importations of wheat flour, the war trade board announced today for the information of American exporters. The board said it had not received the particulars regarding the embargo.

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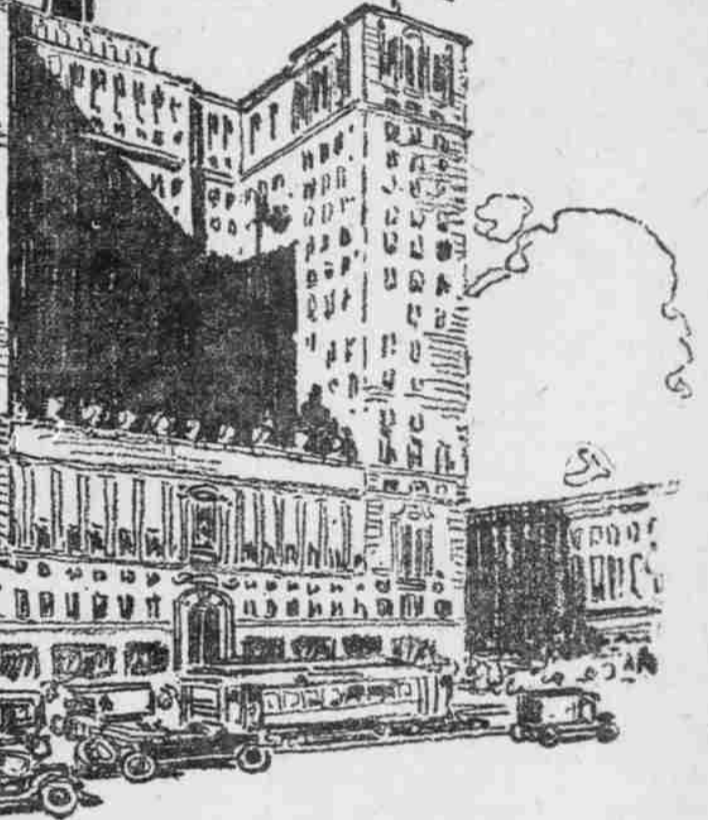
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BERLIN, Tuesday, Feb. 19.—By the Associated Press.—The communist strike movement continues to spread in the industrial districts of western Germany under the guidance of the Spartacans and independent socialists.

The Spartacans also are showing activity in other parts of Germany. It is reported from Ortelsburg, East Prussia, that Spartacans fired from houses on soldiers. The soldiers returned the fire and two men were killed and eight wounded.

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ABERDEEN WOUNDED ARRIVE

(Special.)—William Leacock and Robert Johnson, former Aberdeen boys, who were wounded in the fighting in France, have arrived at Camp Lewis and are expecting discharges soon. The nature of Leacock's wound is not known. Johnson was shot through the wrist. At one time he was one of four men out of 60 to escape German bullets.

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