

NO LAW DISCOVERED TO PUNISH EX-KAISER

Acts in Capacity of Sovereign Relieve Responsibility.

DECISION UP TO COUNCIL

Future of German-Austria One of Most Serious Problems Facing Paris Peace Conference.

BY JAMES M. TUOHY. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.)

PARIS, March 16.—(Special Cable.)—The preliminary report of the commission on responsibilities shows that an important question has developed respecting the personal legal responsibility of the ex-kaiser from the point of view of the British and American law. Both maintain that the ex-kaiser cannot be made personally responsible for acts done in his capacity as sovereign, such as provoking the war or violating Belgium, for in effect, as already stated in these dispatches, war is recognized as a legal method for settling differences.

To bring the former kaiser to justice it will be necessary to quote some criminal act, such as inciting to the murder of prisoners, or for instance, if he decorated the captain who sank the Lusitania, that would make him in British law an accessory to the murder after the fact.

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The French make it no secret their position is that to punish the former kaiser is a matter of sentiment with them, with the 1,400,000 dead, and that legal niceties should not stand in the way. The question also arises whether the procedure proposed would be in accord with the American constitution as involving retroactive legislation. The whole matter goes to the council of ten for a decision.

The British empire delegation does not seem able to manage its business as successfully, as it was engaged the entire sitting Thursday over the rather absurd point as to whether Austria or New Zealand should have the two Pacific islands just south of the line, Ngauru and Angua.

Australia Seeks Island. Ngura has a wireless station which the Australian cruiser Melbourne destroyed. The French claims the island for Australia, not on sentimental grounds but because it contains phosphate deposits which the Germans have worked.

The Premier Messy of New Zealand insists that as the islands are somewhat nearer his country New Zealand should have them, as neither would yield the problem remains unsolved.

The future of German-Austria is still troubling the conference, as its union with Germany would make new German frontiers extend westward with the Italian and southwest would extend Swiss territory, a condition that both of these countries and which both prevent, the latest suggestion is for the neutralization of the Tyrol, cutting off the Vorarlberg district from Austria and its incorporation as a new canton in Switzerland.

Allied Nations Differ. But the French and Italian cantons oppose this solution, as it would incorporate a large additional German population in Switzerland, giving the Germans a considerable preponderance and therefore the conference seems to be thrown back on the scheme for neutralization of German-Austria as the whole the surest safeguard against its joining with Germany.

In the meantime as to precisely how the peace preliminaries are to be presented to Germany there seems a distinct conflict of views between the British and French, I am informed. Andre Tardieu stated yesterday that as we are still formally at war with Germany the peace terms be handed Germany by a military delegation under the same conditions as the armistice, whereas British information is that the conditions are not merely military, but also financial and economic, the German delegates must be seen respecting them. This seems to be the reasonable course, but the matter is still unsettled.

ITALIAN SAILORS ACCUSED

Jugo-Slav Committee Seeks Allied Investigation.

PARIS, March 16.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Jugo-Slav committee in Paris has issued a statement in which it says it learns that grave disturbances have occurred at Spalato, Dalmatia, during which, according to the information reaching the committee, Italian sailors fought the inhabitants with knives, bludgeons and other weapons. Eventually the sailors were driven back aboard their vessels, the statement adds.

The Jugo-Slav authorities have asked that the inter-allied commission open an inquiry into the matter. It is announced from Belgrade that Italy has recalled its newly-appointed minister from that city, but it is stated that this has no connection with the Spalato disturbances.

YANKS WILLING TO STICK (Continued From First Page.) important result of the review by Ferehling. There was a dramatic element too, in the presentation to the honor men of the division of the hero medals and crosses for deeds performed on the Marne and the Meuse. Pershing from the rostrum of his dappled white horse, hailed the heroes as "the gallant men of the gallant division" and praised them for having given expression on battlefields to "the aggressive American spirit."

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SENATOR OPPOSES LEAGUE

AMENDMENT TO COVENANT IS DECLARED ESSENTIAL.

President Criticized for Not Taking Congress Into Confidence During Visit to Paris.

DENVER, March 16.—"Unless the league of nations is amended so as to properly protect and preserve our American institutions, our country should not become a party to the covenant," declared United States Senator-elect Lawrence C. Phelps, republican, of Colorado, in a signed statement issued here last night.

The senator said of the hundreds of letters received by him concerning the proposed league the majority are opposed to acceptance of the league in its present form. A few, he said, are in support of the league, but the facts that the senators who signed the Lodge resolution in Washington are opposed to a league in any form, and the senator criticized the president for not taking congress into his confidence during his first visit to Paris, and for not giving the citizens what he termed a clear-cut declaration of the league covenant by sections. He accused President Wilson of speaking in generalities in explaining the league, and asserted its provisions are capable of various interpretations.

YUKON VETERANS RETURN

Welcoming Committee Formed to Assist in Re-establishment.

DAWSON, Y. T., March 16.—Yukon officials and representatives of patriotic and fraternal societies have formed a welcoming committee to receive returning Yukon veterans of the war and assist in their re-establishment in civil life.

The committee includes George MacKenzie, chief executive of the territory; Judge Black of the Yukon court, and Colonel Knight, commander of the northwest mounted police. Some veterans are now arriving over the winter trail.

FISH HATCHERY AT BEND COMPLETED.

THE DALLES, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—W. O. Hadley, district fish and game warden, who returned to his home here today, announced that a fish hatchery at Bend has just been completed at a cost of about \$10,000. Mr. Hadley has been superintending work on the hatchery, which is located on Tumalo creek, four miles west of Bend. It will have a capacity of 1,000,000 fish, and trout will be hatched exclusively. They will be planted in the headwaters of the Deschutes river. This is the first fish hatchery to be built in Central Oregon.

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THOUSANDS OF LAST MINUTE DECLARANTS FILE.

Treasury Officials Estimate Inflow of Income Tax Money in Excess of \$800,000,000.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Until late last night, federal revenue collectors' offices throughout the country were receiving eleventh-hour income tax returns. Collectors reported that they were submerged beneath a flood of documents, checks and money orders and that it would take several days to prepare even a tentative tabulation of receipts. Treasury officials calculated the probable inflow of tax money at somewhere between \$800,000,000 and \$1,000,000,000.

Persons who mailed their returns last night, or even today, will not be penalized for tardiness, it was said here. Collectors will be expected to accept returns any time next week, providing they do not regard the tardiness as wilful.

Furthermore, Revenue Commissioner Roper has notified collectors to accept informal returns such as letters, giving an estimate of the tax due and accompanied by at least one-fourth of the estimated sum. It is probable that it will be possible for any citizen who neglected to file returns by the final hour to write a letter estimating his tax and enclosing a check, without being penalized.

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ASTORIA, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—The new high service reservoir of the Astoria water system will be ready for use on May 1. The big bowl is located on the crest of a hill about two miles from the central portion of the city, and will have a capacity of 20,000,000 gallons. It is of sufficient elevation to supply the residences at the highest points in the city, and will give Astoria a total water storage capacity of 27,000,000 gallons inside the city and 100,000,000 gallons at the head works.

The normal consumption is 4,000,000 gallons a day. The original contract price on the construction of the new reservoir was \$125,000, but owing to the unexpected conditions arising as a result of the war the cost will be about \$150,000 more.

ROAD SURVEY IN PROGRESS

Engineers Now at Work on North Bank Scenic Highway.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 16.—(Special.)—C. C. Hutchins, secretary of the White Salmon Commercial club and good roads advocate, while here yesterday, announced that a crew of engineers was engaged in Klickitat county making a survey of the North Bank highway east from the White Salmon river toward Lyle. The highway, except for a stretch between Cooks and Carson, in Skamania county, has been graded.

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