

HINDENBURG REPLIES TO KAISER'S CRITICS

Field Marshal Declares Flight Act of Patriotism.

PEOPLE EAGER FOR PEACE

Emperor, Says Defender, Left Country Solely in Hope of Saving the Fatherland Further Losses.

BERLIN, March 20.—(Via Copenhagen.)—Aroused by recent criticisms of former Emperor William regarding his flight from Germany to Holland last fall, Field Marshal von Hindenburg has prepared and published here a defense of the ex-ruler's action.

The situation as it existed in November, caused by the weakening of the forces in the field and the breaking out of the revolution at home, the field marshal says.

The peaceful return home of the emperor then became impossible. It could only have been carried out through the forcible employment of loyal troops and civil war would have been added to the hostilities with the enemy.

The emperor could have betaken himself to the fighting troops in order to meet death at their head in a last attack upon the enemy, but the armistice so keenly desired by the people would thereby have been postponed and the lives of many soldiers uselessly sacrificed.

The emperor finally, in agreement with his advisers and against severe mental struggle, decided to leave the country, solely in the hope that he could thereby best serve the fatherland, save Germany from chaos, distress and misery and restore peace and order to her.

GENEVA, March 20.—(Havas.)—French troops have occupied Mannheim and Karlsruhe on the east bank of the Rhine, on account of spartan outbreaks there, the Vossische Zeitung says.

The newspaper adds that the French also occupied Rheinau, five miles south of Mannheim and Wilmshafen.

COBLENZ, Tuesday, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Pershing completed his official call on troops in the occupied area of Germany today, visiting the forenoon to an inspection and review of the 4th corps at Cochem-Musele and the afternoon to a review of the 4th division near the same town.

Among the spectators was Frank H. Hitchcock, former postmaster-general, who said he was in the occupied area merely on a sightseeing trip.

BERLIN, March 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Because of the great number of military and civil contingents which have visited Germany since November, the German cabinet has decided, according to newspaper reports, that no person from an allied country will henceforth be permitted to travel in Germany without special permission from the armistice commission.

BERLIN, Wednesday, March 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Surrender of part of the German mercantile fleet will be delayed on account of the shortage of bunker coal.

BERNE, March 20.—(French wireless service.)—The second national conference of soldiers and workers' councils of Germany will be held early in April, German newspapers announce. The conference will discuss the reconstruction of Germany and the relation of the councils to it and also the socialization of German economic life.

TEUTON ENVOYS MAY BALK

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him in British law an accessory to murder after the fact.

The commission also purposed also to set up an international tribunal for the trial of criminals without regard to their rank.

The French make it no secret that their position is that to punish the former Kaiser is a matter of sentiment with them, remembering their 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, an invading, retroactive legislation. The whole matter is being discussed.

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ter goes to the council of ten for a decision. The British empire delegation gave its entire sitting Thursday to the point as to whether Australia or New Zealand should have the two Pacific islands just south of the line, Ngura and Angua. Ngura has a wireless station which the Australian cruiser Melbourne destroyed, so Premier Hughes claims the island for Australia.

But Premier Massey of New Zealand insists that as the islands are somewhat nearer his country, it should have them. As neither side would yield, the problem remains unsolved.

The future of German Austria is still troubling the conference and as its union with Germany would make new German frontiers coterminous with the Italian and on the southwest would extend along Swiss territory, a condition that both of these countries and France desire to prevent, the latest suggestion is for the neutralization of the Tyrol, Austria and its incorporation as a new canton in Switzerland.

Naturalization Held Safest. But the French and Italian cantons in the 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 on the whole, the surest safeguard against its joining forces with Germany.

ENDING POLISH STATE AID Head of Peace Conference Commission Gives Views.

PARIS, March 20.—(Havas.)—In making his report to the supreme allied council yesterday on the Polish question, Jules Cambon, head of the peace conference commission on Polish affairs, set forth the purpose of the commission to create a Polish state which would have a firm foundation for its future welfare, and at the same time to respect the principle of nationalities, despite the difficulties resulting from the geographical features of the problem.

Poland, M. Cambon pointed out, was half enclosed by German territory. It imperatively needed an independent outlet to the sea to insure her national autonomy. Therefore, he said, it was necessary to incorporate in the new state some German elements which he reminded the council, had been introduced there by Germany herself with deliberation and in conformity with her colonial system.

Premier Lloyd-George argued that Germany must not be given a pretext for organizing a sort of irredentist movement, especially east of the Vistula, where the Germans were rather numerous. The plan of the commission gives to Poland boundaries which render her territory more restricted than it was in 1912. It puts in her possession an outlet to the Baltic which along a considerable distance spans the Vistula to Danzig, but excludes the Allenstein territory, to determine the position of which a plebiscite is proposed.

Mr. Lloyd-George also remarked that by connecting Danzig with Thorn and Warsaw by two independent railroads it probably would be possible to make Poland economically independent.

The commission's report probably will be discussed by the supreme allied council Friday, when the question of sending to Warsaw the Polish army division which had fought on the French front also is expected to come up.

WARSAW, March 20.—(French wireless.)—The Polish newspapers express approval of the decision reached by the peace conference commission on Polish affairs regarding the new boundary between Germany and Poland and the corridor to Danzig. They question the decision concerning a referendum in the Allenstein district and point out that the Prussian census of 1911 showed a Polish majority there.

The papers declare there is urgent need of solving the problems of Teschen, Lemberg and Vilna, where the claims of the Poles conflict with those of Czechoslovakia, Ukrainians and Lithuanians, respectively.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT EVASIVE

Negotiations Over Armistice With Poles Again Interrupted.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 19.—Negotiations between the allied commission and the German government's representatives at Poznan have again been interrupted. It is said that this is the result of the evasive attitude of the German government. Dispatches state that the German high command appears to be in open conflict with the allied cabinet and will not undertake to respect an armistice between the Germans and Poles.

A decision in keeping with the situation is expected tomorrow.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Marshal Foch and other generals were called in during today's prolonged session of the supreme council to give their advice as to action which should be taken in Galicia, where Ukrainian forces are besieging Lemberg, which is threatened from three sides. It was decided that a sharp warning should be sent to both sides, asking for a suspension of hostilities. The warning will take the form of an "injunction" to the two armies.

SPAIN SOLIDLY FOR LEAGUE

Nation Ready to Unite With Others, Declares Premier.

MADRID, Wednesday, March 19.—Premier Romanones told the Associated Press today that Spain was a part of the league of nations in the "same sense and scope as President Wilson."

Spain is ready to collaborate with other nations to her utmost ability to establish the league and will make whatever sacrifices are within her power to assure its success, he added.

CAMP LEWIS SUIT ENDED

60,000 Acres of Condemned Land Secured by Government.

TACOMA, Wash.—What is claimed to have been the largest condemnation suit in the history of the United States courts was concluded when the 60,000 acres of ground on which Camp Lewis, the army cantonment, is located was turned over to the country.

The case involved the expenditure of \$2,000,000 for land and court proceedings, the money being raised by bonding the acreage.

Nearly 5000 persons were interested in the land, which was the county's gift to the government, and 2300 separate plots were affected. Fifty-nine men, members of three juries, handled all of the jury work incidental to the condemnation suits which began September 24, 1917, when the first 23,000 acres were condemned.

Fifty-six attorneys assisted in choosing the first jury and 28 attorneys representing defendants, helped try the first case. Three attorneys, J. T. Lyle, Scott Z. Henderson, and Robert Davis handled all the legal end for the county.

EQUALITY TREATMENT NOT BEFORE LEAGUE

Dominion Delegates Concur in British View.

JAPANESE ARE ADMIRER

Development of Each Race Along Own Distinctive Lines Is Australian Desire—Japan Acts.

PARIS, March 20.—(Canadian Press.)—The dominion delegates here heartily concur in the view of the British delegation that the question of the equality of treatment of all nationalities throughout the world is not a matter for the league of nations. A prominent Australian expressed the opinion that the commonwealth was not prejudiced against the Japanese, but had a great admiration for them. Nevertheless, he said, Australians believed that it would be better for the future world if each race should develop along its own distinctive lines.

The chief consideration, the Australian chief, was the industrial one. A Canadian delegate declared that the question of immigration must be settled individually by each country.

PARIS, Wednesday, March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—A Japanese amendment to the covenant of the league of nations providing that the contracting parties shall agree to grant "equal and just treatment" to all aliens within their borders who are nationals of states that are members of the league will be submitted to the supreme council by the Japanese delegates tomorrow. It is framed by Reuter's from Japanese sources.

The standpoint of the Japanese is that all citizens of nations deemed sufficiently advanced to become members of the league of nations should have equal rights when traveling or living in foreign countries, it is said. While the Japanese delegates do not accept the view that treatment of foreigners and discriminating immigration laws are purely matters of domestic policy, they say they are content to ask for the league to recognize the claim of their people now living in foreign countries to equal rights with other aliens.

D. M. STORRS IN CUSTODY

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arrived early and ordered lunch for two. When the cocktail arrived, she said, the girl reached across the table and stirred it on top, not deeply. The woman did not see anything dropped into it. Later the girl, according to the witness, walked around the table and leaned Mrs. Storrs' chair forward to signify that the place was reserved. Shortly after Mrs. Storrs arrived.

This story was told to a city detective, M. M. Peyer, who told it to Assistant District Attorney Carmody. Carmody summoned Miss Garrison to his office and detailed the whole alleged tea-room scene to her.

"Now, again, Ruth, because that is just the way it happened, isn't it?" the prosecutor asked. The girl's chin quivered, her head sank and she looked away.

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man's story they had secured little they said on which to base a charge against Miss Garrison.

SUICIDE IS STORRS' THEORY

Husband of Dead Woman Recalls Repeated Threats.

WENATCHEE, Wash., March 20.—(Special.)—When seen here last night, Storrs knew nothing of the sensational developments in the death of Mrs. Storrs.

He expressed doubt as to the confession of Ruth Garrison, saying that if she made a confession it was only to escape the tortures of the police third-degree methods.

"I am satisfied that my wife took her own life, fulfilling the threat which she had repeatedly made," he said. Storrs denied that Ruth Garrison had spent any time in Okanogan. He was calm and collected and apparently unmoved by the developments in the love triangle. Storrs registered here yesterday under an assumed name and kept to his room until train time last night in order to escape interviewers.

While no warrant has been issued for his arrest, Captain Tennant is desirous of knowing something of the conversation between Storrs and Miss Garrison when they were together on their last day, Monday, the day before Mrs. Storrs was poisoned. The detective will say nothing about his reasons for desiring this information, not would he say that he believed Storrs is implicated in the plot to end his wife's life when the question was put to him directly. An effort was being made to locate Storrs in Spokane.

ALLEGED MURDERER WEDS

Marriage of Massachusetts Woman Takes Place in Hospital.

BROOKLINE, Mass., March 20.—Mrs. Beale May Underwood, indicted for murder, was married today at a private hospital here to Alfred J. Lundgren of Andover. Mr. Lundgren had come here with his fiancée from his home in Andover, where she had been ill since her release from the county jail at Lawrence on February 14.

Mr. Lundgren has been steadfast in declaring his belief in the innocence of Mrs. Skeels since she was arrested charged with the murder of Miss Florence W. Gay of Andover, whom she was attending as a nurse. He was a patient under Mrs. Skeels' care several years ago.

GUARD WANTS AIRPLANES

Army and Navy Aviation Officers at Spokane Organize.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 20.—The first national guard flying squadron of the United States will be organized at a meeting of former army and navy aviation officers of Spokane tomorrow night. Application will be made immediately to the director of military aeronautics of the department for airplanes and hangars to be used by the Spokane guard unit. Every flyer in the city will be asked to join, either as an active or an assistant member. Aviation mechanics will be asked to join the squadron.



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You can purchase a handsome Spring Coat or Dolman \$19.25

It is a timely sale of a fine lot of new spring style Coats and Dolmans. They are all well made garments, of fine quality materials in the new shades of tan, navy, copenhagen blue and victory red. No trouble to show them to you. Come in and try them on.

Friday only you have choice from a fine lot of Women's House Dresses \$2.99

Several popular styles in the new loose models. They are extra well finished and trimmed and are made of best quality plaid gingham. All sizes. Unmatchable values at \$2.99.

EXTRA! For Friday Only Men's Muslin Gowns \$1.15

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