

PRELIMINARY TREATY IS LATEST PROPOSAL

Inner Council of Four Plans Way to Speed Work.

DANGER OF DELAY SENSED

Scheme Is to Formulate Terms of Tentative Nature and Then Go Ahead With Details.

LONDON, March 26.—(British wireless service)—The Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail Gazette says on high authority that "in order to avoid perils which would inevitably arise if preliminary peace terms are not drafted until such time as the various commissions shall have finished their labors and have presented their respective reports, the representatives of the great powers have drawn up certain proposals which seem ample to constitute the basis of the first treaty, or one analogous to that signed at Versailles in 1917."

Terms to Be Drastic. "A final settlement will not be aimed at," continues the correspondent, "but the terms will be sufficiently firm, drastic and definite to provide for an enduring peace, justify in large measure early demobilization, simplify the grave international problem and pave the way for speedy industrial reconstruction and financial reorganization."

PARIS, March 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Technical experts of the American peace delegation, in consultation with experts of other delegations, have been considering a possible method for carrying out a project brought forward yesterday to include all four enemy powers in one peace treaty.

Problem is Difficult. Preparatory to the execution of the plan without delay in case it should be adopted, the commission on reparations and boundaries are to reduce to form as quickly as possible all data they have collected bearing on the financial and educational ability of Turkey and Bulgaria and of what remains of Austria-Hungary to meet the charges they must pay as well as the new boundaries they must accept in order to recognize the right of self-determination.

BERLIN, March 26.—(By the Associated Press)—The German military representation to the peace conference will be made up as follows: General von Hammerstein, hitherto military president of the armistice commission; Major von Boeck, a former general staff officer in the crown prince's army group; Lieutenant Colonel von Aylender of the Bavarian general staff; Major Poetchoer of the Saxon general staff, and Captain Geyer of Wurtemberg.

COPENHAGEN, March 26.—The German finance commission, which will go to Versailles to meet an inter-allied commission, has been summoned to Weimar to receive instructions from the German government.

PARIS, March 26.—The Italian delegation to the peace conference today notified the conference of the suspension of the military and commercial blockade in the Adriatic by which trading in the Adriatic returns to conditions before the war.

PARIS, March 26.—The meeting of the league of nations commission of the peace conference which was fixed for 2 o'clock this afternoon was postponed until tonight.

This action was taken to permit of an uninterrupted day's sitting by President Wilson and Premier Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Orlando, in an effort to expedite the framing of the peace treaty. Today's session was held at the Paris "White House."

PUNISHMENT IS SEVERE SOLDIER, GONE 48 HOURS, GETS FIVE-YEAR SENTENCE.

Former Portland Boy, Who Fought in Hard Battles, Resents Action of Court-Martial.

Five years at hard labor for absence from duty for 48 hours. This was the punishment meted out to a former Portland boy by a court-martial in France a few months ago, as told in a letter recently received from a prison camp near Bordeaux.

family," he says in telling of the incident. "In the morning I found that my company had been moved forward. I located them again November 3, just 48 hours after leaving them. The next day I was reprimanded by the company commander, who had been with us only a week. He put me on kitchen police for 16 days, which I thought would be the extent of my punishment."

"November 29 I was taken to the guardhouse, held there eight days before being notified that I was held for general court-martial. When I was tried at 21st division headquarters November 29, my counsel made no plea to the jury. I was sentenced to dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allotments due and confinement at hard labor for five years."

"I then was placed in regimental guardhouse and on some marches forced to carry two men's packs."

"Finally I was sent to St. Sulpice prison camp, where 200 of us are confined, and hundreds of others about France that the folks at home know nothing about. In the camp are 2000 Germans, after whom we clean up."

"I am shoveling coal."

"It grieves me to be subjected to the disgrace and humiliation, considering the nature of my case. You all know that the boys over here have done their bit, so now we expect the people at home to do their bit and get us home as quickly as possible."

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL TALKS OF RAILROADS

Plans to Finance Improvement Programme Given.

WORK TO BE CONTINUED

Congress Expected to Provide Funds to Pay Back Money, Which Will Be Borrowed.

PITTSBURG, March 26.—Despite the financial predicament of railroads, the railroad administration plans to carry out as much of its improvement programme as possible to keep labor employed and roads in repairs.

Extension Work Still Planned. Referring to the improvement programme, Mr. Hines said: "Unfortunately the impression has gone out that the railroad administration has decided to cut off all improvement work, including additions and betterments and maintenance. This is not a fact."

Government Supervision Advocated. Proposing eventual private operation with government supervision, Mr. Hines said: "My own view is that a moderate guaranty on capital should be prescribed (by the government) so as to give a reasonable assurance to capital and that there should be a right to participation in any profits made in excess of that guaranty so as to furnish the needed stimulus to private initiative."

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958 troops, including casual companies. WASHINGTON, March 26.—Transport sailings were announced by the war department today as follows: The La Lorraine is due New York March 31 with casual companies for Nebraska and regulars; the Aquitania due at New York, March 29, is bringing the 166th field artillery brigade headquarters, 547th and 548th field artillery regiments complete, mainly for Camp Kearny and Funston; base hospital No. 52. The Aquitania is bringing a record number of soldiers' wives, there being 69 brides with the army troops and six with a small naval contingent.

HONOR PAID NEWBERG BOY

SERVICE CROSS IS PINNED ON LIEUTENANT LEE.

Officer, Cited for Bravery, First to Receive the Distinguished Reward at Camp Lewis.

TACOMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—While regimental colors were being lowered from the First and Tenth regiments at attention, Major-General Joseph D. Leitch pinned a distinguished service cross on Lieutenant Arthur Turbul Lee of Newberg, Or., at Camp Lewis today. Lieutenant Lee was the first to receive the cross at Camp Lewis. His parents, Rev. and Mrs. George Lee of Newberg, and his sister, of Port Angeles, Wash., were here to see the young officer receive his decoration.

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GOODYEAR SHOE CO.'S LAST WEEK OF BIG SALE. Look at Our Windows. LADIES' Field Mouse kid, cloth top to match, solid leather military heel, Goodyear welt. Reg. price \$9.50. \$7.85. LADIES' Black Vici kid, military heel, high top, Goodyear welt, imitation tip. Regular \$7.50. \$5.95. MEN'S Black Kangaroo cushion heel and ball, in blucher and bal, as narrow as AAAA; as wide as EE; also the same shoe in tan or mahogany vici kid. Regular \$12. \$8.35. LADIES' Oyster grey kid heel and ball, in blucher and bal, as narrow as AAAA; as wide as EE; also the same shoe in tan or mahogany vici kid. Regular price \$9.50. \$7.85. NOTICE—We carry a complete line of Ladies' Comfort Shoes, such as Ye Old-Time Comfort hand-turned, also outsize or stout ankle, in colors, which is a hard shoe to get. If you have it in a black, we have it in colors, in dark brown or tan. ALL COLORS \$1.95. GOODYEAR SHOE CO. UNION SHOP 149 FOURTH STREET Next to Honeyman Hardware Co. UNION STORE

BEER MEN HOLD SESSION Brewing to Be Resumed, Is Resolved, But Not Just Yet. SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—A resolution that they resume the brewing of beer in accordance with a decision expressed by prominent New York attorneys that a beer with a 2 1/2 per cent alcohol content is not in violation of pending prohibition measures, was adopted by the California State Brewers' association in a meeting here today. No further action will be taken, however, until a test case to determine the status of such beer under the prohibition laws, now pending in New York, is finally determined, it was announced by Rudolph Samet, president of the association. Brewers from all parts of the state attended the meeting.

Made to Order POSITIVELY THE BIGGEST OUTDOOR PICTURE OF THE YEAR. LINN BERRIES IN DEMAND Albany People Face Shortage as Result of High Prices. Extension Granted Socialists. CHICAGO, March 26.—Federal Judge Landis today granted a 26-day extension to Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and four other socialist leaders convicted of violation of the espionage law and sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment, in which to prepare their bill of exceptions in the appeal of the case. The Brunswick ALL PHONOGRAPHS IN ONE. The Brunswick requires no exclusive artists. Plays all makes of records at their best. This Test Reveals a Phonograph's Tone. ASK to have piano records played—the most difficult test of sound reproduction. The Brunswick has proved its merits under this ultimate trial, for it reproduces piano tones faithfully. On The Brunswick, piano records retain their original quality. They cannot be confused with the harp or zither. This is due to the Brunswick Method of Reproduction. Before you buy, or even if you already have a phonograph, come in and hear The Brunswick. Put it to any tone test you wish. Let us play the most difficult records for you. You will be delighted with the way The Brunswick plays them all. The Ultona All-Record Reproducer and the all-wood Tone Amplifier are exclusive Brunswick features. And they are integral parts of the instrument—not attachments in any sense. The Willy Ballen Co. MORRISON ST. AT BROADWAY OTHER STORES—San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose, Sacramento, Los Angeles and San Diego. PEOPLES Next Saturday

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