PEACE LEADERS SEE DANGERS OF SECRECY

Conferees Gloomy Over Lack of Real Accomplishment.

PESSIMISTIC RUMORS FLY

Conference's Seeming Failure So Far Said to Lie in Refusal of Statesmen to Inform Public.

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PARIS, April 4.—(Special Cable.)—The conference barometer has fallen again, and today a feeling of desperation, equaling in intensity that which prevailed at the end of last week, is prevalent in British and American quarters.

The only hopeful feature of the situation is that the fatal consequences of the system of secrecy are being fully recognized. A prominent authority, one of the British delegation, said to me today that the only radical cure for the ills that are sapping the life blood of the peace conference is full publicity.

Undoubtedly the true reason why the conference is failing to settle the vital questions under debate is because it lacks the backing of public opinion which it would evoke if the people concerned were informed of what is happening instead of being kept in ignorance, which lends itself to every form of misinformation and misunderstanding.

British Public Uninformed.

For example, the notion is prevalent in England that Germany is being treated leniently by Premier Lloyd George in the matter of reparations and thus is under the influence of President Wilson, who is ignorantly supposed to feel special tenderness for Germany. This delusion is directly due to the fact that England never has been told what Germany's capacity to pay actually is and that Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson, who know the facts, realize the danger and impossibility of exacting what an uninformed public believes to be available.

Take again the question of the great Saar coal basin. It is agreed on all hands that France is entitled, in perpetuity, to the product of the Saar coal mines, both because of Germany's wanton destruction of the coal mines in Northern France and as a form of reparation which could not be obtained in any other shape. But France is demanding the annexation of the Saar basin with its half million German inhabitants, and she refuses all compromise, such as guaranteeing to her the product of the mines without the sovereignty of the area.

Old Argument Is Used.

If the allied countries were to be made fully aware of the stand President Wilson and Lloyd George are making on this problem and the reasons for it, the solution for which they are fighting would become inevitable.

The argument is constantly used, that if Germany were victorious, she would not balk at any annexation. To this, the Anglo-American answer is that, by following that policy in 1870, Germany sowed the seeds of the ruin that has now overtaken her.

While the central evil of the peace conference situation is that the French government hesitates to enlighten the French chamber of deputies about the real facts respecting Germany's capacity to pay, one finds Pertinax in the Echo de Paris complaining bitterly today that President Wilson and Lloyd George are "treating European problems so as to secure inside their own countries this or that result favorable to this or that electioneering object."

Clemenceau Fears for Job.

The longer this obscurantist policy is pursued the greater will become the difficulty of confronting the French government, besides being the surest way of inviting the ministerial catastrophe that Clemenceau apprehends.

The situation in England apparently is similar in some respects. When a hundred members of the house of commons sign a document putting forward the solution of the reparations problem and displaying appalling ignorance of its most elementary facts, the need for enlightenment in England is equally apparent.

French official opinion of the outlook is crystallized in the statement:

"Compromise is fatal. Certainly the big four will come to an agreement, but what would be its value?"

The seemingly humorous suggestion is made in some quarters that the league of nations probably will divide its time between Geneva and Brussels so as to please both the Belgians and the Swiss. Geneva has been considered and, possibly, decided upon as the league capital, not to please the Swiss but because Switzerland is a neutral state.

Belgium Asks Too Much.

The Belgian government, naturally, is anxious to secure the league for their capital, but that was not the reason of King Albert's visit to Paris. The Belgian reparation claims have also reached the pitch of utter impracticability and King Albert's object has been to press them personally on the big four, who had already taken an exception to them. The king had an hour's interview with Lloyd George and one equally lengthy with President Wilson. Their sympathy with and respect for this heroic monarch is unbounded, but, with the best will in the world, they cannot perform impossibilities in his behalf. So it will be recognized the situation all round is extremely serious, and if a crisis is to be averted claims for reparation must be brought within the realm of reason.

REHEARSAL IS ENJOYED

Jefferson High Students Guests of Symphony Orchestra.

Students of the Jefferson high school were guests of the Portland symphony orchestra at its rehearsal at the Heilig theater yesterday afternoon.

Principal Hepkin Jenkins informed the boys and girls of the invitation and told them they could choose between attending their regular classes or going to the concert. About 50 of the 1600 Jefferson high school students stayed at school while the others attended the rehearsal.

REDS LOSING AT MOSCOW

Enemies of Bolshevism Reported to Be Gaining Ground.

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VIENNA, April 2.—(Special Cable.)—An Englishman named Barrow, who was manager of the International Harvester factory near Moscow, and who left that city ten days ago, tells of conditions there.

He states that the workmen are disillusioned and eagerly await the overthrow of the present regime. As an example of the changed attitude he mentions that whereas the workmen's committee at his factory was bolshevik! the new committee, lately chosen, is anti-bolshevik!.

Since nearly all the members of the government and their chief agents are Jews, hostility to the Jewish population grows as discontent becomes greater. The view is advanced that bolshevism is part of a Jewish plot for domination of the world. Mr. Barrow declares a series of anti-Jewish pogroms in Russia is inevitable, and that feeling in Moscow now is so intense that if a pogrom began not a single Jew would be spared.

He gave instances of the revolt of regiments of the red army ordered to the front, and said the morale of the army at present was worse than under the old regime in its last stages.

Y. M. C. A. SESSIONS OPEN

MEN OF NATIONAL PROMINENCE GIVE ADDRESSES.

Annual Election of Officers, Dinners and Speeches Feature First Day's Meetings.

The 19th annual convention of the Young Men's Christian association of Oregon and Idaho opened yesterday in the headquarters of the Portland association, with more than 100 delegates. Last night the Portland institution held its annual election and dinner at the Benson hotel at which all the delegates to the convention were in attendance.

No election was held last year and the same officers held over for two years. Members elected to the board of directors were: E. S. Collins, for one year; J. E. Wheeler, S. C. Knapp, S. A. Brown, A. M. Smith, E. C. Bronaugh, Phillip Buehner and Thomas Roberts, for two years; E. L. Thompson, David A. Pattullo, Walter A. Goss, Dr. J. L. Hewitt, Fred Lockley, B. S. Huntington, William M. Ladd, for three years.

Today will be consumed in winding up the business of the convention and those in charge predict that more than 150 delegates will be signed up to attend the final dinner at the Benson hotel tonight. Several representatives from Idaho associations are expected to arrive this morning for the sessions.

L. Wilbur Messer, general secretary with headquarters in Chicago; A. E. Roberts, senior secretary county work department international committee of New York, and Charles R. Towson, senior industrial secretary of the international committee, were among the principal speakers yesterday.

The interstate executive committee met in annual session yesterday noon and the convention was called to order at 2:30 o'clock P. M. Various reports and nominations were made and Mr. Roberts spoke on "What Is County Work?"

Motion pictures of the ski trips to Mount Hood by the Portland association were thrown on the screen at the dinner. While the meeting was going on at the Benson hotel a college and high school dinner was being served in the association building. Paul Newmyer and A. E. Roberts addressed the gathering.

The programme arranged for today is to start at 9:30 o'clock this morning with songs led by Walter Jenkins. Dr. E. H. Pence, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, will speak on "Facing the Future," followed by brief statements from local associations and communities. L. W. Messer will tell of the work that is before the city institutions, and Charles Puehler, Pacific coast industrial secretary, has outlined a plan regarding the industrial opportunities in Oregon and Idaho.

The industrial luncheon has been scheduled for 12:15 o'clock at the Portland Chamber of Commerce, with the college and high school luncheon at the Benson hotel at 12:15 o'clock P. M. A session of the convention will convene at the Portland association building at 2:30 P. M., and the 19th annual conclave will come to a close at a state work dinner at the Benson at 5:15 o'clock tonight.

QUARANTINE RULE BROKEN

Seattle Woman Arrested; Vaccination of Son Refused.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Charged with tearing down a quarantine sign, Mrs. Laura Hurley of this city was arrested tonight. She will be tried in police court April 17. Her son, Fred, had been exposed to smallpox in school and was sent home when his mother refused to allow him to submit to vaccination, according to Dr. H. M. Read, city health officer.

Protestants against the school board's vaccination order have appealed for relief to City Superintendent of Schools Cooper, but the city superintendent has informed callers that neither he nor any of the school principals has any authority to deviate from the board's rule. The rule provides that no child shall be admitted to a school after having been exposed to smallpox, without first having been vaccinated or having waited during the two weeks' quarantine period.

SEATTLE PAPER IS SEIZED

Copies of Freedom, Said to Be of Rebel Tendency, Taken.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—Acting under orders from Chief of Police Warren, police Sergeants J. H. Donlan and A. W. Ryan stopped the press of the Equity Printing company, 1906 Seventh avenue, at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon, seized a number of bundles of papers called Freedom which was being printed and forced the printers to tear down the forms and "pi" the type.

A quantity of little red books printed in Russia, believed to be bolshevik propaganda, also was seized for identification. The paper Freedom, the police say, is revolutionary.

Walker Smith, one of the owners of the Equity plant, was arrested after the general strike on a charge of criminal anarchy and is out on bail.

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THOROUGH PROBE OF SCHOOLS PROPOSED

Committee of 100 Named to Investigate Conditions.

ALL BODIES REPRESENTED

Aim Is to Clear Up Confusion of Years Over Alleged Shortcomings of Board and Others.

One hundred men and women of Portland were notified yesterday of their appointment to a civic committee which will investigate school affairs in school district No. 1, or the city of Portland.

Members of the committee of one hundred, as the organization will be known, were named by representatives appointed from the following Portland organizations: Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Civic and Taxpayers' leagues, Federation of Women's clubs, the Realty board, and the Ad, City, East Side Business Men's Progressive Business Men's and Women's clubs.

With the notification of each appointment were the names of the entire committee and a statement giving the motive for appointing the committee, which is to advise or act as its deliberations may warrant following an investigation of school affairs. The statement says that for years confusion over alleged shortcomings of the school board and persons in its employ have been prevalent and that the duty of the committee will be to investigate conditions and, if shortcomings are found, establish means of overcoming them.

Appointments were sent out by Arthur M. Churchill and Mrs. H. L. Corbett, chairman and secretary of the preliminary committee. Their names do not appear on the list of the 100 appointments. The following persons received notification yesterday of their appointment on the committee of one hundred:

Mrs. Wm. N. Akers	Mrs. Alma D. Katz
Rev. A. H. Anderson	L. J. Kenworthy
H. R. Albee	James B. Kerr
Homer D. Angell	Mrs. J. C. E. Kieg
A. H. Averill	Dr. F. A. Kiehl
W. B. Ayer	Dr. E. J. Labbe
A. J. Bale	George Lawrence Jr.
Charles F. Berg	L. L. Levins
Mrs. A. Bernstein	Miss Ida Lowenberg
Mrs. S. Blumauer	Walter Lynn
Mrs. R. E. Bondurant	Dr. K. A. J. Mackenzie
Dr. John H. Boyd	E. B. MacNaughton
W. L. Brewster	Mrs. Frank McCrillis
C. D. Bruun	Ray McGinnis
C. R. Cady	Mrs. E. C. Michener
Miss Ruth Catlin	A. L. Mills
Charles E. Cochrane	R. W. Montague
C. C. Colt	F. W. Mulkey
Edward Cookingham	Paul C. Murphy
Mrs. E. E. Corbett	Mrs. T. T. Munger
George Cornwall	Mrs. F. S. Myers
Mrs. J. C. Costello	A. C. Newill
E. G. Crawford	L. G. Nichols
J. R. Davidson	Mrs. Samuel Norton
Mrs. Robert G. Dieck	Rev. E. V. O'Hara
Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar	John T. O'Shea
J. H. Dundore	E. E. Pettingill
Edward Ehrman	Dr. Edward A. Pierce
Rev. W. G. Eliot	Ross M. Plummer
H. A. Ely	H. A. Rice
J. C. English	A. Rosenstein
Miss Henrietta Failing	James J. Sayer
Mrs. Forrest Fisher	Mrs. Boudinot Seeley
A. F. Flegel	Ben Selling
Mrs. G. J. Frankel	E. H. Sensenich
A. O. Freel	Mrs. C. B. Simmons
Mrs. L. Gee	Eugene E. Smith
Mrs. G. T. Gerlinger	Mrs. Donald Spencer
Dr. A. J. Giesy	Mrs. H. E. Starrett
R. L. Glisan	John H. Stevenson
L. J. Goldsmith	Rev. J. J. Staub
Herbert Gordon	Frederick H. Strong
Franklin T. Griffith	David Strowbridge
Rev. H. H. Griffiths	Mrs. Isaac Swett
Charles C. Hall	Bishop W. T. Sumner
Frank Hannas	J. N. Teal
Mrs. C. W. Hayhurst	Mrs. W. H. Thomas
L. P. Hewett	Mrs. H. B. Torrey
F. H. Hilton	Hon. R. H. Tucker
Clint P. Holgate	A. L. Veazie
Oscar W. Horne	Rev. Jonah B. Wise
George Howell	Mrs. I. M. Walker
Bishop M. S. Hughes	Dr. A. M. Webster
Rev. J. B. Isaacs	Charles F. Wright
Mrs. C. S. Jackson	
B. S. Josselyn	

Much Good Is Expected.

That the committee of one hundred is in a position to accomplish much good, was the opinion expressed yesterday by school administration officers and members of the board of directors.

The formation of this committee came as a surprise to most of them. Every courtesy possible and full cooperation are promised members of the committee in the investigation, declare school officials.

O. M. Plummer, pioneer member of the school board, issued the following statement:

"Knowing Arthur M. Churchill's interest in civic matters, his tireless energy and his constructive tendencies, I feel sure that the committee as outlined by him in his letter of April 3 to 100 representative citizens asking their membership will be productive of great good to the Portland school system.

Plummer Welcomes Action.

"A glance at the list of people asked to serve should convince anybody of the sincerity of purpose of those who have selected the committee, and personally I am glad to see such action taken, realizing as I do that the general public is but poorly informed regarding our school system. I am sure the school board will co-operate in every way possible with the committee of one hundred."

Dr. E. A. Sommer of the board of directors said:

"If the committee of one hundred acts purely for uplift motives, the investigation will be good for the Portland schools. If the committee includes discontented people who at one time or another have desired to be school directors or hold other positions and failed to attain them, trouble only will result."

Thomas Urges Action.

"I am heartily in favor of the movement," declared George B. Thomas, school director. "I hope they will go at the investigation right away. If a fair investigation is made it will either stop this school gossip or locate and bring to light whatever abuses now exist unknown to the school authorities."

"I hope they do," exclaimed George Orton, director, when informed that 100 Portland citizens had been appointed to investigate school affairs. "I certainly hope an investigation is made and made soon."

Dr. J. Francis Drake, chairman of the school board, had no statement to make.

Superintendent Grout, recently elected to a three-year term, has declared himself willing to co-operate with the committee in every way possible. "The public is entitled to know all about educational work," he said. "As far as this office is concerned I will afford every assistance in my power."

PRISON FARMS DENOUNCED

EX-JUDGE ADVOCATE REPORTS ALLEGED ABUSES.

American Soldiers in France Said to Have Been Brutally Treated for Minor Offenses.

NEW YORK, April 4.—Lieutenant-Colonel J. Leslie Kincaid, former judge-advocate of the 27th division, in a statement issued here tonight reciting what he considers some of the evils of the present military system, made an attack on the French prison farms, charging brutal treatment of American soldiers held there for minor offenses.

"Little information has reached this country regarding military prisoners in France and the so-called prison farms," the statement said. "Yet the conditions in these institutions beggar description. I know one official report regarding prison farm No. 2, signed by Lieutenant-Colonel J. Mayhew Wainwright, inspector of the 27th division, a man who is very familiar with penal conditions in New York state, in which the colonel states that American boys, technically guilty of absence without leave because they had missed a train in Paris, were drilled in a field in front of machine guns, where men were called to attention and knocked to the ground by repeated blows on the face.

"As early as August, 1918, the condition of the prisoners in France was complained of, but statements of prisoners incarcerated there in November and December, 1918, showed that the conditions were still bad. Finally, as a result of repeated complaints, disciplinary action against several officers and non-commissioned officers at prison camp No. 2 was commenced. What the result has been I don't know."

MULKEY AGREES TO STAY

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' BOARD TO ORGANIZE SOON.

R. M. Gray, Appointed on Commission, Unable to Serve Because of Business.

SALEM, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—At the request of Governor Olcott Frederick W. Mulkey of Portland has agreed to resume his place as a member of the soldiers' and sailors' commission. It is understood there will be a meeting in Portland tomorrow at which time the commission will organize. Mr. Mulkey was chairman of the commission before he resigned a few days ago, and is thoroughly familiar with the details of the work, having devoted considerable time and attention to it.

In addition to Mr. Mulkey the personnel of the commission as it now stands includes Harry Anderson, Judge John H. Stevenson, John McCourt and H. D. Kilham, all of Portland.

R. M. Gray, who was named as a member of the commission, said that he would be unable to accept, due to stress of business, and Mr. Mulkey will be named in his stead.

This commission has charge of the disbursement of funds for the relief of soldiers and sailors under an appropriation of $100,000 made by the last legislature.

CRAB SHIPMENTS AT ISSUE

Attempt to Abrogate Law Preventing Exportation Fought in Coos.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 4.—(Special.)—Charles Feller's attempt to abrogate the law preventing the shipment of crabs to places other than in the county, has precipitated one of the liveliest fights Coos Bay has known recently. Fearing the attempt might have a good start, a number of citizens contributed to a fund to engage an attorney, E. L. McClure, to assist District Attorney John F. Hall in defending the law which many believe to be weak. Mr. Feller forwarded two crabs to a Portland friend, with the understanding that a test should be made immediately.

The case will probably go to the supreme court. A. E. Seaman, leading the defense, declared today that L. A. Liljeqvist, attorney for Feller, is to receive $2000 if the law is abrogated through the present suit.

Trench Doughnuts to Be Served.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—Trench doughnuts—the same kind the Salvation Army gave the boys in France—will be served to returned soldiers and sailors at a headquarters Salvation Army club to be opened Saturday night. The club will be maintained for returned men. In addition to its social activity it will conduct relief work.

Tax on Salmon Opposed.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 4.—(Special.)—A tax of $486 on 2426 cases of salmon belonging to the F. C. Barnes company of Portland was resisted in a suit filed Thursday against County Assessor Hall, Treasurer W. A. Gaines and Sheriff John Stringer. The plaintiffs allege that the salmon is not taxable since it is being held here for the government.

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