

ALLIANCE IS SOUGHT TO PROTECT FRANCE

United States and Great Britain Asked to Join.

PERMANENT FORCE NEEDED

Plan Is Expected to Receive Attention in Address by Premier Lloyd George.

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PARIS, April 16.—(Special Cable.)—The French government still maintains with undiminished determination its claim that Great Britain and the United States shall unite with France in a defensive alliance for the protection of her western frontiers. This alliance might be under the league of nations, but its object would be to guarantee to France that in the event of Germany's crossing the boundary of the neutral zone to be prescribed by the peace treaty, Great Britain and the United States should come quickly to the defense of France. The French government urges that garrison life in the neutral zone would be pleasant and nearer home for British troops on foreign service than Malta or Egypt. This guarantee, moreover, is to have no time limit. The neutral demilitarized zone is to extend, according to the French view, to 50 kilometers (about 31 miles) on the east bank of the Rhine, which river, it is now declared, must, in any event, be France's true military frontier.

This scheme of having a permanent force on the Rhine has not yet been disclosed to the British house of commons, and it may be doubted whether it will find any place in Premier Lloyd George's speech to the house. His speech is awaited with curiosity in conference circles, especially by the French. The results of the British rejection, although traversed in some of the Paris newspapers, are interpreted accurately enough in official quarters here, and their reaction on Premier Lloyd George's conference policy already has made itself felt. Confidence is expressed in French quarters that Great Britain will agree to France's setting the mandatory over Syria. So the plan of sending another commission there to explore local conditions and desires has been abandoned, the settlement being left to the big four.

91ST HEROES REACH PORT

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our fighting in the Argonne, we went to Belgium and fought in Flanders under the king of the Belgians, many of our men stole from the hospitals, got into box cars and rejoined their companies. At least 3000 men of the 91st in the Argonne got back to the division in this way.

Northwest Men Are Lauded.
General Johnston said he had written letters to the governors of the northwestern states which contributed men to the 91st, telling how these troops fought a nine-day battle in the Argonne against Czech Prussian divisions and defeated the huns, then he held for four days to reach railroad trains to take them into fresh areas of battle.

Five men of the 91st won the congressional medal of honor, the general said, and 150 officers and men the distinguished service cross, 101 the French croix de guerre and 150 the Belgian war cross. The 91st took as trophies artillery including 500 heavy pieces and 800 machine guns.

Company I of the 318th engineers returned with 21 of its members decorated and proud of the exploit of Captain John Lavell, Salt Lake City, who, with 12 men, captured a town after house-to-house fighting for two days.

"Fighting Parson" Returns.
Every American lived through it and none was seriously wounded. Captain Lavell and his men captured 25 huns and every doughboy received the distinguished service cross.

Companions of Private J. H. Larue.



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The "fighting parson" came home. He is Captain Charles A. Rexroad, pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church in Butte, Mont., and he brought with him the distinguished service cross, the Belgian croix de guerre and other honors, including a promotion won in action at a time when he was engaged in the dangerous task of making records of American dead on the battlefield.

Hun Sniper Is Trapped.
A sniper tried to kill the "fighting parson," who, with two privates, disposed of the sniper, located in a tree, and thus destroyed a German "pill box." Privates David C. Ware, Santa Ana, Cal., and M. S. Crossley, Seattle, were decorated for carrying messages through enemy patrols while the two were on motorcycles, six Germans being killed.

Captain Herbert Hoover, a California lawyer, judge advocate of the 91st, said the division had only four cases of court-martial.
Fourteen hundred and fifty-one troops, largely members of the 91st division, came into port on the transport Lancaster. Units included the second battalion headquarters, medical detachment and companies E, F and G of the 35th Infantry, 23 officers and 781 men, the headquarters supply section, medical detachment and companies A, B and C of the 21st field signal battalion, ten officers and 441 men and numerous casuals and casual units.

War Decorations Piled.
The 35th Infantrymen were commanded by Major Henry Edmonds of Los Angeles.
Captain Lester E. Walbridge of company E, who is editor and publisher of the Santa Barbara (Cal.) Daily News, told of the loss of all but 20 of the 21 men of his company in action. He was the only officer who escaped injury or death, he said.

Non-commissioned officers who brought back decorations for gallantry included Sergeants Howard M. Angel, Salt Lake City, D. S. C.; Henry Ramsey, Salt Lake City, D. S. C. and croix de guerre; Peter S. Boone, Salt Lake City, croix de guerre.

Troops Hurried to Camp.
CAMP MILLS, N. Y., April 16.—Thirty-nine officers and 1636 men of the 91st Infantry, 91st division, left here today for Camp Lewis, Dodge, Grand and Kearny and Fort Russell, Wyo., for demobilization.

ADMIRAL MAYO PROMOTED

NAVAL OFFICER COMMANDER OF UNITED STATES FLEET.

Order Provides Admiral Will Be in Command if Ever All Navy Is Brought Together.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet throughout the war, has been designated by Secretary Daniels as commander-in-chief of the "United States fleet," which it developed today was issued some weeks ago, does not affect present disposition of the national fleet, and would be in supreme command only in the event the three separate fleets—the Atlantic, the Pacific and the Asiatic—were brought together.
Admiral Caperton will continue as commander of the Pacific fleet until April 26, when he will undertake the special mission of preparing a record of his diplomatic work in South America during the war. Most of the ships which formerly composed his force now are in the army transport service, but a few vessels remain on the west coast under Rear-Admiral Fullam, whose flagship is the old cruiser Minneapolis.

DESERTER SLAIN BY GUARD

Two Military Prisoners Make Attempt to Escape.

LONDON, April 16.—(Special Cable.)—A tragedy unparalleled in London happened yesterday afternoon when a military deserter was shot by his escort while making a dash for liberty. Two prisoners were marching toward Waterloo station under escort of a corporal and four men.
Suddenly the men, who were handcuffed together, broke away and ran in the direction of Westminster bridge road.
The corporal called on the men three times to stop, but they persisted on their way and a shot was fired. One man fell, bringing the other down with him. He was badly wounded and was taken to King George's hospital, where he died almost immediately.
The shooting was witnessed by a large number of people, including many children who were going home from school.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON SCORED

San Francisco Speeder to Stop Driving Automobile One Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 16.—(Special.)—Go to jail for 10 days or refrain from driving an automobile in San Francisco for one year.
Such was the alternative sentence imposed upon Robert W. Miller, 19-year-old son of C. O. G. Miller, local millionaire insurance broker, in the police court today.
"You don't appear to have a high regard for the traffic laws of San Francisco," said Police Judge Fitzpatrick to the young man, arrested for doing a 25-mile clip past a local hospital in his high-powered machine.
"It will do me good to fine you," the judge continued, "for it would simply mean that your father would pay the fine."
Young Miller decided to stop driving until this time next year.

LONDON TO HONOR WILSON

Gold Casket Will Be Given President Before Return.

LONDON, April 16.—(Special Cable.)—A gold casket to contain the certificate of freedom of the city of London for presentation by the corporation to President Wilson was on view this afternoon at Guild hall. It is of carved oak throughout and bears the portraits of the king and the president.
On each side are figures representing Liberty and Britannia. The arms of the allied countries and of the city of London appear in enamel below the portraits. The casket itself stands on water glass pillars which is borne on feet fashioned according to the arms of the city.
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ITALY DEMANDS THAT FUME BE GIVEN HER

Separate Treaty With Austro-Hungary Threatened.

WILSON SAID TO FAVOR

Big Four Discusses Case at Length but Unable to Reach Decision.

BY HERBERT BAYARD SPOPE.
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PARIS, April 16.—(Special cable.)—If Fiume is not awarded to her outright by the peace conference, Italy proposes to make a separate treaty with the remnants of Austro-Hungary whereby she will gain the disputed point.

This semi-official statement was made to me by a member of the Italian delegation who speaks authoritatively. How much is bluff and how much is sincere remains to be seen, but there is no doubt that Italy is carrying the dispute to the uttermost length.
My informant goes so far as to say President Wilson has agreed to let Italy have Fiume, and that if there is a shift now, neutral nations will stand upon the treaty of London and remain in occupancy.
Italy is in a difficult position, for the failure to gain Fiume will result in grave internal complications, which have already manifested themselves in disorders viewed as an approach to revolution.

The big four, with Arthur Balfour substituting for Premier Lloyd George, discussed the case at length yesterday, but got nowhere. They hoped to persuade Italy to accept the same formula applied to the Saar basin and which is now to be used on the matter of the Teschen coal basin in dispute between the Poles and Czechs, but Italy declined to accept what she calls a repudiation of the agreement she had.

Other points in conference developments attracting attention are: Fresh display on the part of the delegates of inability to reach a policy regarding bolshevism, which is daily taking on political and national strength, although the truth of conditions is being colored and suppressed.
A definite promise given by Britain and implied by America that a defensive alliance is to be entered into with France against German aggression is certain of enactment on the part of Britain but doubtful regarding the United States.



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SOLDIERS GET PREFERENCE

Forest Service to Use Men in Summer Cruising Work.

Discharged soldiers will be given preference in employment with the crews sent out by the federal forest service on summer cruising trips, according to C. J. Conover of the district forest service in charge of the prospective survey and cruises to be made this summer.
Mr. Conover will leave Portland today with George A. Bright and G. W. Hunt, also of the district forest service, for Bend, where in response to recent requests made by a number of large timber firms 20,000 acres on the Deschutes national forest will be cruised to be placed on the market. From Bend three separate "gangs" will be put on cruising stumps and timber ground for land exchange and for surveys on national forests.

On the Ochoco and Deschutes national forests 30,000 and 58,000 acres of land will be cruised for land exchange. Surveys for land sales will be made on 55,000 acres of the Deschutes, 25,000 acres of the Umpqua, 15,000 acres on the Siskiyou, 15,000 on the Rainier and 30,000 on the Olympic national forests.

CHANGE IN TRIALS IS URGED

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failure to carry out its operations properly."
General Wood urged that more careful scrutiny should be given to cases before they were brought to trial, particularly by division or department commanders; that great use be made of the many disciplinary measures not involving legal proceedings at the disposal of commanders; that competent counsel be assigned for all prisoners to protect their rights, and that advocates of courts incline toward the French system, by which the legal officer merely presents the case and does not take on the character of a prosecuting officer.

Officers' Attitude Attacked.
The proceedings were enlivened today by the voluntary appearance of E. M. Dunst of Maryland, an assistant judge-major in the engineer corps on construction duty at Fort Leavenworth, Camp Humphreys and Camp Lee. He said he had "sat on probably 1000 court-martial and vigorously attacked the attitude of officers as 'not humane' in dealing with disciplinary matters."
Part of this was due, he said, to the feeling that "the old man," the post or division commander, insisted upon severe penalties.
General Chamberlain disclosed that

at the outbreak of the war Secretary Baker ordered that every complaint received by the inspector-general be investigated, and said his office went carefully into charges made even in anonymous letters.

TROOPS WILL COME TODAY

Contingent Is on Way From Virginia to Camp Lewis.

Groups of returning soldiers will be welcomed in Portland both today and tomorrow at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, according to announced schedules. The detachment coming in today is known only as a contingent of 12 men being sent from Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va., to Camp Lewis. It is listed to proceed northward at 4 o'clock. Tomorrow afternoon 72 men, composing Newport News casual company No. 238, will stop in Portland during the half hour between 3:30 and 4 o'clock. The men come from Camp Eustis, having left there on April 12. To what units these men were formerly assigned is not known. Both detachments will be greeted at the union station by the official reception committee and the canteen workers.

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