

ANGRY ITALY MAY NOT SIGN TREATY

Orlando Hints Versailles Meeting Will Be Ignored.

SITUATION DEEMED GRAVE

Premier Still Wrathful Over Wilson's Statement, He Admits to U. S. Ambassador.

ALLIES WILL ACT ALONE

Bolting of Italians, It Is Said, Will Not Prevent Making of Peace.

COPENHAGEN, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—There have been noisy anti-American demonstrations in Fiume, American officers were hooted in the streets, according to a report received by way of Germany, and British and French troops maintained order with difficulty.

PARIS, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—The British prime minister again has intervened in the Italian situation by sending one of his trusted associates to communicate personally with Premier Orlando at Fiume.

While the desire is to conciliate, Signor Orlando, yet the premier is advised against the inclusion of Fiume under Italian control, as likely to make a settlement difficult if not impossible.

The person bearing the message was a member of the Asquith cabinet with Mr. Lloyd George.

ROME, April 29.—(By the Associated Press.)—Deputy Turati, the official leader of the socialist party, declared that the socialists would not only defend the sacred rights of self-determination in the case of Fiume, but also of the equally sacred right of revolutionary Russia.

Reasons Are Set Forth.

"For the same reason," continued Signor Turati, "we cannot range ourselves with the socialists of other states, who in accordance with the entente ideology have applauded the new African and Asiatic empire of Great Britain, American domination in Europe and the occupation of the Saar region, where there is not a soul who speaks French, just as in Fiume there is not a soul who does not speak Italian."

With everything virtually in readiness for the handing over of the peace treaty to the Germans at Versailles, the Italian situation looms large as an impediment in the way of unanimous agreement on the part of the entente and associated governments.

So tense is the situation that Vittorio Orlando, the Italian premier, at a conference with Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy, left Mr. Page with the understanding that the premier did not intend to return to Paris for the signing of the peace treaty.

Orlando to Stay Away.

Premier Orlando gave the ambassador the impression that, owing to the critical situation and the fact that the premier's action either in going to Versailles or remaining away from the peace conference would have serious consequences, it would be preferable to have the trouble come from without Italy rather than from within the kingdom.

A dispatch from Paris says that while the non-return of Orlando would give the situation a more serious aspect than did the departure of the Italian delegation from Paris, the allied and associated powers would proceed to the signing of the treaty, notwithstanding Italy's non-participation.

The main German delegates have arrived at Versailles, but it is probable the peace treaty will not be delivered to them until Friday, as on the previous day, "May day," a 24-hour strike which will dislocate transportation and communications is planned by labor unions.

Conference Is Held.

The council of three conferred throughout Tuesday with Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda of the Japanese delegation with reference to Kiu-Chan and with the Belgian delegation.

PORTLAND LEADS IN TWELFTH DISTRICT

ALAMEDA CLOSE SECOND FOR VICTORY LOAN HONORS.

Subscriptions Based on Official Reports to Treasury Approach Billion-Dollar Mark.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 29.—Portland, Or., and Alameda, Cal., were running close together today for first honors in the victory liberty loan campaign in the twelfth federal reserve district, with Portland having subscribed more than \$9 and Alameda 49 per cent of their quotas. Liberty loan headquarters here announced. Berkeley was third with 41 per cent; San Francisco and Los Angeles were tied with 8 per cent. San Jose had subscribed 29, Fresno 24, Oakland 23 and Sacramento 5 per cent.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Subscriptions to the victory liberty loan on the basis of official reports to the treasury tonight approached the billion-dollar mark. Contributions officially tabulated showed total sales to be \$884,884,158.

The victory loan is lagging to some extent appeared to be indicated by comparison with progress of the fourth liberty loan drive, in which subscriptions amounted to \$1,323,718,000 when the campaign reached the same stage.

Subscriptions to the victory loan by districts and percentages officially reported tonight were as follows:

Chicago, \$262,213,000, 30.3 per cent; Boston, \$102,548,000, 27.3 per cent; Kansas City, \$46,730,000, 23.3 per cent; New York, \$224,000,000, 16.5 per cent; San Francisco, \$61,444,250, 28.4 per cent.

ASQUITH MAY COME HERE

Former Premier Likely to Be Envoy to Washington, It Is Reported.

LONDON, April 29.—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, is likely to succeed the earl of Reading as ambassador to the United States, according to the Evening News today.

The newspaper says it understood that Mr. Asquith "was informally offered the post a few months ago and declined, but not in such a way as to preclude an offer later."

The Evening News states its belief that all the ministers strongly favor Mr. Asquith's appointment and that he may consider it his duty to accept.

PORTLAND GIRL, 15, BRIDE

Miss Margaret Rise and Ray Burgess Wedded in Vancouver.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 29.—(Special.)—Mrs. Ray Burgess, formerly Miss Margaret Rise, 15 years old, of Portland, is probably the youngest bride in the United States. She was married to Ray Burgess, 21, also of Portland, here today.

David Shaver, 21, of Walla Walla, Wash., and Miss Thelma Barker, 17 years old, of Portland, were also married in Vancouver today.

Nine couples were married in this city today.

SOFT DRINK DELUGE NEAR

Chicago Liquor Vendors Are Preparing for Prohibition.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Harbingers of the soft drink flood that is expected to follow prohibition next July were in evidence today.

A large brewery sent an order to the federal employment service seeking salesmen to sell soft drinks.

A beverage exposition is announced to be held here next November when many new drinks will be introduced to the public.

Already the Chicago Federation of Labor has been notified of a soft drink clerks' union now forming.

OIL EXPLODES; 10 KILLED

Farmer Attempts to Kindle Fire; Women and Children Dead.

CHELSEA, Okla., April 29.—Ten persons are dead and one fatally injured as the result of an explosion today following the attempt of Tom Ballard, a farmer near here, to kindle a fire with coal oil.

The dead are: Tom Ballard, his wife, baby and two orphan children; Mrs. Charles Ridenour and three small children, and E. W. Ballard.

They were unable to escape the fire which swept the house.

WITHYCOMBE WILL FILED

Widow and Four Children to Share Estate Equally.

SALEM, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—An estate of approximately \$15,000 was left by the late Governor Withycombe, according to the unofficial inventory filed for probate in the county court today.

The deceased governor left all his property to his widow with the provision that in the event of her death or remarriage, it should be shared equally by his three sons and one daughter.

40 KILLED BY EARTHQUAKE

American Legation Building at San Salvador Damaged.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—The state department was advised today that a severe earthquake occurred in San Salvador at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, causing 40 deaths, injury to many persons and considerable damage to property.

The American legation building at San Salvador was damaged but no Americans were reported injured.

CABLES REVERT TO OWNERS FRIDAY

Formal Order Issued by Postmaster-General.

ALL MARINE LINES AFFECTED

President Approves Return of Telephone and Telegraph.

LEGISLATIVE ACT NEEDED

Legal Action, Involving Taking Over of Lines by Government, May Be Dismissed.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Control and operation of all American cable systems, taken over by the government last November, will revert to their private owners at midnight Friday.

Postmaster-General Burleson today issued an order providing for the return of the properties in accordance with his statement of yesterday announcing that he had made such a recommendation to the president.

The postmaster-general's order follows:

"The marine cable systems of the United States and every part thereof, including all equipment and appurtenances thereto whatsoever, and all material and supplies, the possession, control, supervision and operation of which were assumed by the president by his proclamation of the second day of November, 1918, to be exercised by and through the postmaster-general, Albert S. Burleson, are hereby returned to their respective owners, managers, boards of directors or officers to take effect on midnight May 2, 1919.

Approval Is Given Order.

"Representatives of the postmaster-general now operating said properties will take immediate steps to carry this order into effect."

Approval by the president of Postmaster-General Burleson's recommendations that the telephone and telegraph lines be returned was announced today at the White House. Arguments in the pending legal controversy before the supreme court to restrain the postmaster-general from increasing interstate telephone and telegraph rates will be heard next Monday.

The postmaster-general in making public the formal order regarding the cables issued a statement reiterating his announcement of yesterday that the telephone and telegraph lines, taken over last July, would be returned as this city today.

BATTLESHIP OREGON TO REST IN PORTLAND

ASSURANCES OF PLANS GIVEN TO SENATOR McNARY.

Acting Secretary of the Navy Announces Purpose to Maintain Vessel as Permanent Victory Ship.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 29.—The battleship Oregon will be assigned to Portland harbor as a permanent victory ship unless reasons unforeseen arise to change the plans, Acting Secretary of the Navy Franklin D. Roosevelt told Senator McNary this afternoon.

Much concern regarding the fate of the old Oregon was indicated today in telegrams to the navy department and to members of the congressional delegation which came from Portland and elsewhere in the state, headed by Governor Olcott, Mayor Baker and the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

As a consequence the acting head of the navy found much of his time taken up reassuring Oregon folks that there was no intention of throwing this famous old battleship into the scrap heap.

Mayor Baker received a telegram from Senator McNary yesterday assuring him that the battleship Oregon would not be dismantled, and that it probably would be left at Portland.

The telegram follows: "Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt informed me today that the department had no intention of scrapping the battleship Oregon and that it would be preserved as a permanent monument. There is no reason existing why the Oregon could not be placed in Portland harbor as a perpetual memorial. Later I shall be notified of details."

70 ACRES BRING \$32,000

Portland Men Buy Medford Pear and Apple Orchard.

MEDFORD, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Dr. Henry Hart sold his orchard south of this city today to W. J. Furnice and Max Liederman of Portland for \$32,000. The new owners will take possession May 1. Dr. Hart will move to Medford, where he is now practicing his profession. This is the first large ranch sale in the valley for several years, and the price indicates that orchard values are being well maintained.

The Hart property consists of 70 acres of bearing pear and apple trees, about equally divided. Dr. Hart purchased the ranch several years ago, coming here from Quincy, Ill.

MEAT EATING IS FORBIDDEN

Switzerland's Federal Council Orders Two Weeks' Abstinence.

BERNE, Monday, April 28.—(French wireless service.)—Because of the increasing difficulties of provisioning Switzerland with meat, the federal council has decided to forbid the eating of meat from May 5 to May 19 throughout the nation.

BARNES BOLT HITS CORN MARKET HARD

Prices Tumble When Manifesto Appears.

DRIVE IS MADE ON TRADERS

Grain Corporation Chief Calls Halt on Speculation.

PROVISIONS ALSO SLUMP

Grain Supply in U. S. and Canada Declared to Be Sufficient if Brokers Are Curbed.

CHICAGO, April 29.—Julius H. Barnes, president of the grain corporation of the food administration, made an assault on high prices today which was promptly reflected on the board of trade in a maximum decline of 1 1/2 cents in the price of corn.

Of possibly more interest to the housewife was the slump in the provisions market. Pork dropped an extreme \$1.89 per barrel, while short ribs, known to the breakfast table as bacon, declined a maximum of \$1 per hundredweight as compared with the close yesterday.

Barnes' Threat Is Plain.

Mr. Barnes' assault was in an announcement to the trade. His purpose was plain, to-wit: That the speculative tendency on white flour must stop.

As an earnest of his intentions the president of the grain corporation announced that the corporation would cease buying flour for export (except first clears and victory mixed flour) and that also it would resell at such important centers as New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia flour previously bought for export. He named the price as "\$11.50 just per barrel."

American Wheat Plentiful.

"The purpose of this," said the announcement, "is to stop the speculative fever in flour before it becomes necessary to take off all import restrictions on foreign wheat and flour, for there is plenty of American wheat and flour if this speculative tendency is checked."

Mr. Barnes' threat, the trade realized instantly, had back of it the fact that the Canadian granaries and elevators are fairly bursting with wheat at the doors of the United States, not to mention the vast stores in Australia and Argentina.

It was explained that the Canadian supply has been comparatively little

DRY REFERENDUM IS DEFEATED BY COURT

GRAPE GROWERS FAIL IN SUIT TO REFER AMENDMENT.

Tribunal Sees Danger of Placing Attorney-General at Mercy of Restless People.

SALEM, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—To hold that the attorney-general must prepare a ballot title for this proposed referendum would place him at the beck and call of any restless people who might desire to refer any subject, for the purpose of obtaining a straw vote on it, from a joint memorial petitioning congress to improve a harbor up to the action of the peace conference upon the covenant of the league of nations.

With this terse declaration, the supreme court, in an opinion written by Chief Justice McBride, dismissed the mandamus proceedings, brought by Earl Herding, representing California grape growers, who sought a referendum of the legislative joint resolution which ratified the national prohibition amendment. The court holds that the legislative resolution is not subject to the referendum, and the attempts of the liquor interest to delay nationwide prohibition are defeated, so far as Oregon is concerned.

The opinion recites that the initiative and referendum law states specifically that the people are given the power to approve or reject only acts of the legislature, and a joint resolution, not being a legislative act, is not subject to the provisions of the law and hence cannot be referred to a vote of the people.

IRISHMEN FIGHT COVENANT

Dan Kellagher and P. E. Sullivan Protest to Oregon Senators.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, April 29.—Chief messengers from the telegraph offices were swarming about the senate and house office building all day delivering telegrams from Irishmen in almost every state protesting against the league of nations covenant.

The first telegrams from Oregon arrived at about 3 o'clock and were from former City Commissioner Dan Kellagher and P. E. Sullivan, of Portland, urging the Oregon senators not to commit themselves on the league of nations until they have heard from Oregon on the "self-determination of Ireland."

NATIONS' IDENTITY ASKED

Interest Is Shown in Request That Mexico Express Opinion.

WASHINGTON, April 29.—Unusual interest was manifested today in official circles as to the identity of the governments friendly to Mexico that have requested the foreign office to express an opinion on the recognition of the Monroe doctrine as announced in official dispatches from Mexico City.

It was intimated that diplomatic investigations might be made to ascertain the identity of the nations referred to.

CONVICTS AID BULGARIANS

Sofia Jails Are Emptied in Fight Against Greeks.

SALONIKI, April 28.—A large number of convicts have been liberated from the jails of Sofia and have been sent to the region of Strumitza to aid in the Bulgarian campaign of terror against Greek inhabitants, reports from Strumitza say.

A Bulgarian official named Hadjief, known for his cruelties against the Greeks, it is added, has been appointed prefect of Strumitza.

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PORTLAND'S HONOR IS NOW AT STAKE

Proud Place Reserved, but it Must Be Won.

LAGGARDS HELD RESPONSIBLE

Victory Drive in City Will Close Saturday Night.

SALES FORCES TIRED OUT

Totals Leap Perceptibly, Day's Record Being \$400,000, Making the Aggregate \$8,738,150.

SUBSCRIBE TODAY AT VICTORY BUT OR AT YOUR BANK.

Oregon's victory quota, \$26,747,550
Subscribed to date, 21,011,495
Deficit to be raised, \$ 5,736,055
Portland's quota, 14,786,225
Subscribed to date, 9,050,470
Deficit to be raised, \$ 5,735,755
Outer-state quota, 11,961,225
Raised in full, 11,961,225
Oregon waits for Portland. Subscribe today. Don't put it off. Call at victory but or at any bank. Victory must come by Saturday.

In the sisterhood of states, striving for records in response to the victory loan, there is a proud place reserved for Portland. But she must win it. Every citizen of the city, who has not subscribed, or who has not subscribed as he should, must answer for the honor of Portland, the patriotic.

The drive will close Saturday night. If a deficit exists then it will be the sole fault of the individual subscribers, or of those who have failed to subscribe. For two weeks the sales forces will have given their time and toil freely to the cause. They can do no more. They must return to their everyday tasks and their own affairs.

Last night the city total had leaped appreciably. The day's returns showed a gain of \$76,825, making a city total of \$9,050,470. With a quota of \$14,786,225, there is still a barrier of \$5,735,755 between the city and its honorable goal. The barrier must be broken.

8. Benson Subscribes \$250,000.

To no man in Portland is largely accorded the credit for yesterday's showing. He stands, in the opinion of the city committee, as an example of how men of great public spirit and patriotism answer the need of their home town. His name is S. Benson.

Through the Lumbermen's Trust company, early yesterday afternoon, Mr. Benson subscribed \$200,000 to the victory loan and the city quota. Previously he had subscribed \$50,000, making his total investment in genuine patriotism \$250,000. He is now the largest individual subscriber in Oregon and possibly in the northwest. He carries the honor modestly. He did not want his subscription made public.

"Let Portland look at Mr. Benson," said City Chairman Olmstead. "He heard the call, he appreciated the urgent need for aid, and he more than doubled his subscription. He multiplied it by four. Many more of our largest subscribers must follow his lead if the city's honor is to be upheld. Many of them already have doubled their subscriptions, but more must act likewise."

Portland Holds Oregon Back.

"It is Portland, and Portland alone, that holds Oregon back from another record. There is but one way to attain such a climax to our list of patriotic achievements. It is for every man, woman and child in Portland to bear a just share of the victory loan quota, cheerfully and gratefully. Where are the boasts we made when the boys went overseas? If we have forgotten our pledges, sacred and binding, the answer to the victory loan will show it. I tell you that the honor of Portland is at stake."

Here is the plight of Portland, unaccompanied and desperate—approximately 2,000 subscribers are needed to carry the loan quota before Saturday night. In round figures the city must raise an average of \$1,500,000 each day of the four remaining days. It is a task for a titan. If a single citizen shrinks it, the failure of Portland to redeem her pledges is forecast.

Officials Are Discouraged.

There is no disguising the situation, at victory headquarters, the officials and sales directors are moody and discouraged. They are face to face with the first possibility of failure that has confronted the city since that April day when the word went around that Germany had to be whipped. They have trudged and entreated. They have neglected their own enterprises. The drive has cost each of them dearly. And they were volunteer agents of Portland and America. Saturday night, come success or failure, must clinch the victory loan answer of Portland.

If Portland does respond, if she speaks as clearly and loyally as in other drives, it is almost a certainty that the city and state will be the first in the Twelfth federal reserve district, first of the Pacific coast, to gain honor by a full quota. More than that, Oregon may be third in the union.

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