

BRITAIN'S DEMANDS ADD TO PEACE DELAY

Desire of Colonies for Additional Vessels Heard.

WAR FLEET STILL PROBLEM

Delegates at Versailles Are Displeased at Limited Powers of Germany's Envoys.

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PARIS, May 4.—(Special Cable.)—The disposition of Germany's merchant fleet is proving to be a difficult point to settle. The British delegation indicated an agreement several days ago to a plan whereby each country should have the right to those ships seized in their ports...

Americans Hold Firm. The American delegation is assuming a stiff attitude and three days of debate has not brought any compromise. The German cables will be disposed of by treaty, but the details of the matter will be left to an international committee to settle after peace is signed.

Italian Break Continues. The Italian breach is still unhealed and complications have been added by the report that Austria has asked Italy to occupy the territory invaded by the Czech-Slovak forces.

The German commissioners here have been specifically instructed that they shall not consent to a separation of the Saar valley from the German empire. This direct statement was made to the American correspondents this afternoon by a German source qualified to speak with authority.

Memorials addressed to the national assembly by the inhabitants of the district imploring the government not to submit to any conditions imposed caused the Scheideман cabinet to direct the plenipotentiaries to decline discussion of the point, but if pressed to refer the entire matter to Berlin.

Lack of Power Deplorable. Information of this elimination of the commission's powers undoubtedly affected the action of the credentials committee, which today said that this question had been raised on the right of the delegates to represent Bavaria.

The allies expected the German delegates to be clothed with full authority, and were perplexed by the fact that on certain points they possess only the right to refer matters. The statement was made at Versailles, and while it may be the beginning of German propaganda calculated to undermine the conference plans, it was given under such circumstances as to leave no doubt of its sincerity.

Delay Not Unappreciated. It is possible that the lack of authority from both the standpoint of representation of Bavaria and of the Saar valley comes as a not unwelcome delay to the conference, for the treaty is not ready to be submitted to the Germans on Monday. In fact, it will be regarded as exceptional if matters are in such shape as to be ready for submission to the conference, for there are several details still to be completed, to say nothing of the embarrassment caused by Italy's continued absence from Paris.

The latest plan is to have two or more plenary sessions of the conference before the Germans receive the treaty; one of them in secret, so as to advise the smaller powers of the terms, and the other to wind up the outstanding committees.

Premier Lloyd George tonight is reported as opposing the resolution adopted to the Trison palace when the Germans are given the treaty. British correspondents have entered protests which the American correspondents support. This effort marks the recrudescence of the secrecy that is still favored, in spite of the evidence of its danger and its unwisdom.

BEAVERTON YARD IS SOLD

Banker to F-arge Lumber Stock; Building Era Begins. BEAVERTON, Or., May 4.—(Special.)—The Jones Lumber company sales yard in Beaverton was sold yesterday to F. W. Livermore, president of the Bank of Beaverton and owner of the lumber yard at Huber. C. E. Hedge, local manager of the yard for the Jones Lumber company, recently took an examination for postmaster at Beaverton and it has been known for sometime that the yard was for sale.

POOR UNCLE SAM HITS KIDS

Complaint was filed with Collector Miller, with a copy of the bill of fare. The manager, however, showed that a clerical error had been made, for there had only been eight purchases of that special dish made, and the books showed that 3 cents had been credited to Uncle Sam. However, the price was changed to 44 cents at once.

19 per cent on the bill, for then we could have shown the tax just for what it was.

The war tax means this to us: We have had to engage a girl especially to compute the tax for the revenue office. All our bills of fare have had to be re-printed. We have had to put in a new and costly checking system. Report is that these ice cream taxes will be done away with in six months. Should this be the case, we shall actually have lost money on the increases, for the increased receipts will not cover in that time the increased costs.

Moreover, people fail to consider that we have actually lopped down prices on a number of articles. The war tax made it appear as a general increase. We have cut 1 cent on all phosphates so that the war tax would bring them equal. We have cut 2 cents on perhaps the most popular specialty, plain malted milk, and 2 cents from an egg malted milk, so that even with war tax the new prices are the same. Some ice cream sodas are up 3 cents, the balance of them are down 2 cents on the old scale. Plain drinks are down 2 cents and drinks such as orangeade are down 2 cents.

Many Vendors Crop Up. "We really have tried to equalize prices. Now, first of all we found we could not train our girls to add rapidly in figures and our cash registers will not register in pennies. To purchase penny registers we found would cost us \$1300.

No association action was taken.

BELGIUM, INDIGNANT, RECALLS DELEGATES

Safety Accorded in Peace Treaty Held Inadequate.

KING URGED NOT TO SIGN

Petition Says Nation Would Gain Prestige by Refusing to Sanction an "Immoral Peace."

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MORE ADVERTISING READY

Additional Leaflets About Rose Festival Are for Distribution.

Having exhausted the first supply of pamphlets describing the events planned in connection with the Victory Rose Festival, June 11, 12 and 13, several thousand additional leaflets have been secured and are now ready for distribution.

CIVILIANS IN BERLIN BEING SEARCHED BY THE SOLDIERY FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS.



As a Means of Combating Spartacism, the Berlin Government Has Soldiers Stationed at Points Who Stop All Suspicious-Looking People and Subject Them to a Thorough Examination for the Purpose of Locating Concealed Weapons.

and while the majority of stores have increased their prices, others have not. One Washington street store announced the old scale would be followed plus the war tax. Down on Burnside street, several ice cream establishments announced they "could not bother with pennies." They were absorbing the tax.

That profiteering was under way with regard to the luxury taxes was the belief of Mr. Miller. He did not instance the ice cream establishments. He pointed out that if chewing gum goes up the public knows whom to blame as the tax was but three cents in the old popular 10-cent size had been raised from 15 to 18 cents, when, as a matter of fact, the tax was less than one-third of a cent a can.

But, for convenience in handling, the stores add the war tax on each item, of course recording the tax for Uncle Sam. So, if one person treats four, it costs him 2 or 3 cents more than Uncle Sam really requires. But the ice-cream establishments point out they cannot tell whether parties might not be clubbing orders to evade the tax and quote an other ruling by Mr. Miller following the one just quoted:

Any means by which separate purchasers post their orders for the purpose of defrauding or escaping the tax imposed, shall be treated as a violation of the law, and the employment subjects the purchaser and the vendor, if he connives in it, to the penalties provided by the act.

Mr. Miller invites calls. The increase in the price of milk, they pointed out, was made two weeks before the tax took effect. Milk takes no tax, although it has been reported that some places were mistakenly adding the tax.

Mineral waters carry no tax, so there's some joy in living. But the sacred ice cream cone—oh, grief!

WOOD'S NOMINATION MOVED

New Hampshire Republicans Want General to Be President.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Senator Moses of New Hampshire, Republican, issued a statement tonight urging the nomination of Major-General Leonard Wood as the republican candidate for president in 1920.

He said republicans of his state were preparing to present General Wood's name at the party's national convention.

Bank Employes Threaten Strike.

PARIS, May 4.—The bank and bourse employees' union met yesterday and voted to strike Monday. The bank employees demand a minimum salary of 200 francs monthly.

Countess Leaves Big Estate.

NEW YORK, May 4.—The will of the Papal Countess Annie Leary, filed for probate yesterday, bequeaths \$200,000 to Archbishop Hayes to build a sanctuary for St. Patrick's cathedral in which there shall be a vault to hold her body and those of her father, mother and three brothers. The residuary estate, the amount of which is not made public, is divided among five nieces.

More than one-half of the desired amount has already been secured and it is possible, through a ready response, which is expected, that the financial campaign planned can be completed by the end of this week.

Peace Offer Held Inadequate.

"In the last few days," says the petition, "vast bodies have joined us. We echo public opinion which is constantly growing and which is indignant at the little offered for the safety of Belgium and the dynasty. We beg your majesty to refuse to sign the treaty rather than accept aims given us. By leaving the conference Belgium would show the immorality of a peace signed without her."

By sacrificing herself, she would gain prestige in the eyes of the world and the nations would demand that justice be done her. We believe it would be better to risk having nothing rather than abdicate our right to the reputation and guarantees promised by most solemn assurances. In the midst of the nation's distress we commit to your hands our desire and our confidence."

BRUSSELS, May 3.—(By the Associated Press.)—At a cabinet council this afternoon which lasted two and a half hours, it was decided to recall to this city the three Belgian delegates whose presence is needed at a further council to be held tomorrow evening in the royal palace at Laeken, which will be attended by all members of the government and state ministers. At this conference it will be decided whether or not the conditions offered Belgium by the peace conference are acceptable.

The Catholic newspaper Nation Belge says it has been informed that Premier Delacroix told his colleagues at the cabinet session this afternoon that Belgium is to receive immediately 2,500,000,000 francs in gold and that the allies are to relinquish the advances made to Belgium thus far of about six billion francs.

The newspaper also states that all materials requisitioned or destroyed by the Germans are to be returned immediately and that Germany is to give Belgium annually for a certain number of years \$200,000,000 francs representing 400,000,000 francs. It adds that payment by Germany of 7,000,000,000 marks in circulation in Belgium when the armistice was signed is to take place without the intervention of the allies and thus is dependent upon the economic reconstruction of Germany.

PARIS, May 4.—The Temps says the entire French cabinet is favorably impressed by the report of the peace conference.

PRODUCERS' TAX EXPLAINED

Levy Made on Actual Sales Price, Says Revenue Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Taxes imposed under the new revenue act upon sales by manufacturers, producers and importers, on the sales of works of art and jewelry, and on transportation were explained by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper in rollings made public today.

The tax on sale by a manufacturer, producer or importer is payable directly by him or his agent, and is measured by the price for which the article is sold, and not on the list price. The tax is payable on a sale, regardless of whether the purchase price is actually collected and discounts may not be deducted. If an article is increased in price to cover the tax, the tax is on the increased price.

The manufacturers' tax covers a number of articles and ranges from 2 per cent on automobile trucks and wagons to 100 per cent on dirk knives and daggers.

The jewelry sales tax is 5 per cent and applies to articles to be worn for the purpose of adornment. Articles carried in a handbag or in the pocket, such as cigarette cases, powder boxes and purses, are taxable as jewelry only if ornamented with precious stones.

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