

HUN PROPAGANDISTS AS ACTIVE AS EVER

Home Opposition to Treaty of Peace Held Aim.

FRANCE IGNORES PROTEST

Nation Is Not in Mood to Listen to German Complaints Just Now, Says Paris Newspaper.

BERNE, Switzerland, May 11.—(French Wireless Service.)—Press comment and other news concerning the peace treaty as presented by the German semi-official news agency, suggest that a campaign has been started to incite German public opinion against acceptance of the treaty, or perhaps to give Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau manufactured popular support in demands he may make for alleviation of the peace terms.

The closing of the etoek exchanges in Berlin, Frankfurt and elsewhere and the government appeal for a "week of mourning" are taken here to indicate that there is a well co-ordinated movement.

PARIS, May 11.—(French Wireless Service.)—France is not in a mood to listen to Germany just now, the Journal Des Debats says in an article on German manifestations against the peace treaty.

"The president of Germany," the editorial says, "protests against the peace terms and declares them impossible of acceptance. This attitude will be lost on us. The Germans, as usual, will yield only to force."

"It is comical, indeed, to see at a time like this the Germans seriously proposing to us a version of the league of nations, and plans for the reconstruction of Europe. They should put them all back in the cabinets at Wilhelmstrasse."

ENTENTE BLUNDER CHARGED

Outlook for Germany Hopeless, Says Hun Professor.

BERLIN, May 1.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"The entente powers unquestionably committed an irreparable mistake when they set out to subject the German people to a systematic process of soul-crushing," said Professor Emil Aberhalden, the noted psychologist of Halle university and a democratic leader of the Prussian diet, in a statement to the Associated Press, peace, including the raising of the blockade, had immediately followed the armistice it would have stimulated Germany's energies.

"For a long time after the depressing days of the military collapse," he declared, "that iron will of determination prevailed to mobilize all the economic potentialities for the purpose of getting the nation back on its feet. Nothing one could imagine could have been more welcome to the entente powers than an orderly co-ordinated Germany. Now it is convulsed to its very foundations. The inclination to work is lacking in the widest circles.

"No one dares think of the morrow. A new revolution is creeping through the country. Ample food shipments will be necessary to stave off the worst. What is arriving now is just about sufficient to maintain the present conditions of hunger and to postpone starvation and catastrophe. Only an amply nourished people is capable of returning to a regular working schedule.

"For five months one staggering psychic insult from abroad has followed another. Night after night this great people goes to sleep without any hope for the future and wakes up bereft of all hope. It seems there is only destruction ahead. Why work? Why plan?"

Professor Aberhalden believes that the existing chaos, with its accompanying phenomena of social excesses, such as dancing and gambling, which, he says, recall the hunger catastrophes which followed the epidemics of the middle ages, is the worst conceivable soil for the propagation of a pure democracy which primarily demands consciousness of duty and an exalted spirit of sacrifice on the part of the individual for the common good.

KNIGHTS RAP RADICALS

WASHINGTON CATHOLICS PASS RESOLUTIONS AT OLYMPIA.

Hoquiam Selected for Next Annual Gathering—All State Officers Are Re-elected.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Resolutions vigorously condemning bolshevism, I. W. W., propaganda, anarchy and socialism were passed by the state council of the Knights of Columbus in annual session here today.

Delegates from 22 local councils of the state were in attendance. The convention closed its session this afternoon in order to permit delegates and state officers to meet William G. McGinley, of New Haven, Conn., supreme secretary of the Knights of Columbus, at Tacoma tomorrow.

Hoquiam was selected as the meeting place for next year's convention. Supreme delegates and officers were elected today as follows:

Delegates to the supreme council at Buffalo, N. Y., in August: Edward J. Walsh and Dr. James A. Lagara, Tacoma; B. C. Horrigan, Pasco; W. W. Conner, Seattle.

Washington state council officers all re-elected: Edward J. Walsh, Tacoma, state deputy; Robert Cline, Bellingham, treasurer; A. G. Schott, Walla Walla, secretary; John L. Ophelan, Raymond, advocate.

CENTRALIA BONDS UPHELD

Judge Reynolds Gives Decision in Lewis County Superior Court.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Judge W. A. Reynolds of the Lewis county superior court, in the suit of E. D. Cuddy vs. City of Centralia, attacking the validity of water bonds issued by the city by Carstens & Baris of Seattle, decided today for the defendants for the principal of the bonds, less the discount taken by purchasers, with 6 per cent interest at 6 per cent; also less twice the interest paid on the bonds and all accrued and unpaid interest.

The bonds were sold preliminary to installation of Centralia's new gravity water system.

ERIC ERICKSON IS PUNISHED

When He Blames Partner Judge Adds Ten Days to \$50 Fine.

Eric Erickson is not a deep student

of judicial psychology. He played the baby act in municipal court yesterday and his tactics drew a 10-day jail sentence, plus a \$50 fine.

Eric and Axel Scott are roommates, living at 54 North Fifth street. Axel got hold of some wine, which was really regulation bootleg whiskey, and gave Eric a bottle. Two women entered as participants in ensuing festivities, and the quartet, after imbibing generously, unwisely took to the streets. They were arrested by the police and the men were lodged in jail. When brought before Judge Rossman, charged with violating the prohibition law, Eric attempted to place all blame on his pal. Net results: \$50 and 10 days for Eric; \$50 for Axel.

CANAL PLAN TO GET BOOST

PENINSULA COMMERCIAL BODIES MEET AT OLYMPIA.

Washington Project Also Will Include Inside Route to Columbia River.

OLYMPIA, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Plans for pushing construction of the proposed canal from Olympia to Grays Harbor to afford a shorter route from Puget sound to the ocean will be outlined here tomorrow at a meeting of southwest Washington commercial delegates called by the Olympia chamber of commerce. An appropriation for surveying the canal was inserted in the last rivers and harbors bill by Senator Wesley L. Jones, subject to approval of Colonel C. I. Studevant of the U. S. engineering headquarters at Seattle.

Tomorrow's meeting is designed to comprehend the value of the proposed canal, much of which has already been assembled by the Olympia chamber of commerce. It is expected that representatives from Tacoma, Elma, Montesano, Aberdeen and Hoquiam will participate.

Included in the main canal proposition is another project to connect Willapa harbor and the Columbia by an inside waterway.

33 STUDENTS SUSPENDED

Spokane Boys Anger Teachers by Attending Pullman Field Meet.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Thirty-three boy students of the Lewis and Clark high school were not permitted to attend classes today on orders issued by Principal Hart.

The action was taken because they went to Pullman last Friday to attend the interscholastic track meet without permission of Principal Hart, or failed to register after arrival at Pullman, two rules required of all students attending the meet.

It was announced today by Superintendent Pratt that the boys will not be reinstated in school until a satisfactory understanding has been had with the parents and the boys.

Lewis County Far Over Quota.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Lewis county has subscribed from \$120,000 to \$150,000 more than its victory loan quota, according to County Chairman N. B. Coffman. The county went over the top the first day as in previous liberty loans.

Grays Harbor Passes Quota.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 12.—(Special.)—Grays Harbor county passed its victory loan quota, an official statement today says, by \$166,400. Every district in the county went over its allotment. Total subscriptions amounted to \$1,358,900.

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NUMBERLESS LITTLE NATIONS GLAMOROUS

Near-East Sends Vociferous Claims to Paris.

TRIBES WOULD BE STATES

Holdings Now Ancient History Are Cited in Defense of Demands. Common Sense Required.

BY WILLIAM T. ELLIS. (Copyright, 1919, by New York Herald. Published by Arrangement, Anatolia, CONSTANTINOPLE, May 10.—North American Indians should be given back Manhattan Island, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, San Francisco, New Orleans and the territory which lies between. I can prove it from near eastern analogy.

The most vociferous claims that are going to Paris from this part of the world are stressing historical rights as a primary argument. That is why Armenia says the heart of Turkey should come to her, even though she represents but a tenth of the population. For the same reason Greece demands Thrace and Western Anatolia. The Jews want Palestine. Georgians claim independence and a big slice of the Black Sea coast, which in some far distant day belonged to their ancestors. In all these cases and others to be named, the claimants represent a sheer minority of the present population. They have not a leg to stand on, by the principle of majority rule. Their "historical rights," however, are put forward as paramount. Just as logically, the Indians from the reservations could demand a hearing at Paris and the return of all the lands over which once their forefathers roamed.

Ancient Claims Revived. In the case of most of the instances raised out here, the territory has been held at one time or another by every great world conqueror. On the ground of previous possession, Persia, Macedonia, Egypt and Rome could claim nearly all of Turkey, but would they be left to fight it out? Genoa and Venice might come in for vast territorial acquisitions hereabouts. In this many-layered civilization, there simply is no disentangling the conflicting claims.

For all we know the descendants of the Jebusites and Elvites and Amorites and Amalekites and Hittites and Philistines may arise to claim Palestine as the original settlers of the land which the Jews invaded. To be strictly logical and theoretical in this matter is to be driven into a madhouse. So, also with "self-determination." Here in Constantinople new self-determinators appear almost daily. They are almost as numerous as rumors of revolution. Peoples of whom the world never knew before suddenly appear, in the persons of more or less well accredited delegates, and claim the right to be heard at Paris in behalf of independence. I know nobody who has the hardihood to claim to be able to keep touch of all the ambitious little self-determiners.

Bosnian Moslems Ambitions. Bosnian Moslems, for instance, are now saying that they number nearly a million and do not want to play with the Jugo-Slavs, but seek a national playground of their own. Azerbaijan insists that it is already a republic and entitled to recognition, with Baku

for its capital. (Of course the possession of the oil fields has in no wise influenced the creation of this nation; not at all.) Persia, however, bids the upstart begone, for the real Azerbaijan, which may be found on the maps—something that cannot be said for most of the so-called after autonomy—is in Persia, and it denies this made-in-Germany Tartar republic any right to the name it has chosen.

Then there are the republics of the Don, the Kuban and North Caucasia, all demanding recognition as their right. If all these and kindred claims are granted by Paris, one feels sorry for the boys and girls of the next generation, who have to study world geography. For we have yet to hear from the Kurds, the Nestorians, the Kichibashes, the Ansariyeh, the Yezidis, the Yurkukks, the Aoshars, the Druzes, the Sabseans and other ancient people who live in and about the Caucasus mountains.

No line of reasoning can be pushed too far. Any principle, overextended, may become an absurdity. Unless common sense intervenes, to consider the greatest good of the greatest number, this part of the world will be chopped up into a mess of discordant and contentious and vainglorious groups, each more intent upon exalting than upon serving the common welfare of mankind.

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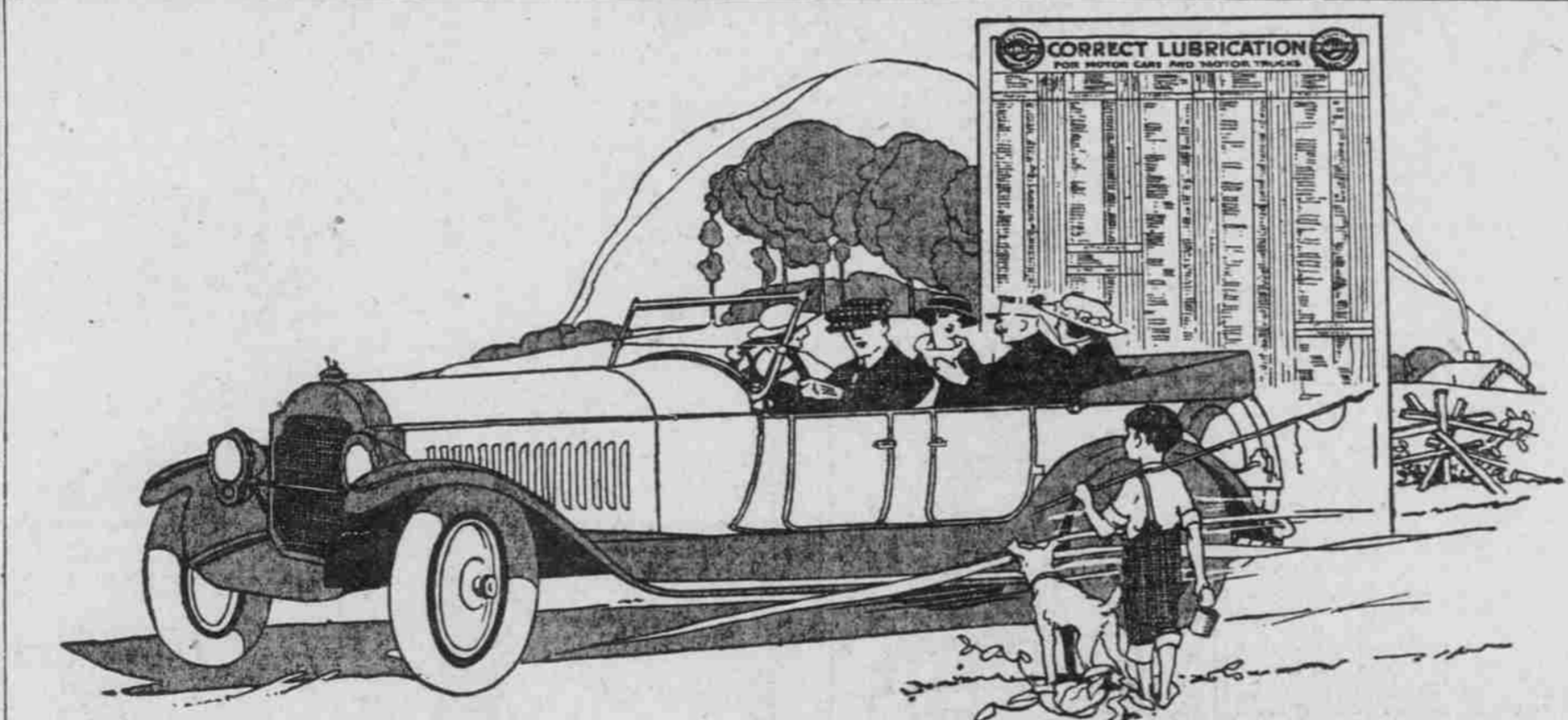
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