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30 U.S. PLANES OFF ON OCEAN FLIGHT

Daring Dash For Azores and Europe Begun.

FLYERS START IN TWILIGHT

NC-3, NC-4 and NC-1 Soar at Trepassey Amid Cheers of Newfoundlanders.

GOAL IS 1352 MILES DISTANT

Seaplanes Are Due to Arrive at Azores in About 18.5 Hours, It Is Estimated.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The American naval seaplanes en route in the first attempt to reach Europe from America by air passed station ship No. 6, the destroyer Ward, 300 miles from Trepassey bay, at 2:05 Greenwich time (10:05 P. M. Washington time), according to a message received by the Azores late tonight by the navy department.

The dispatch to the navy department was sent by the Ward to the U. S. S. Prairie at Trepassey bay, which in turn relayed by radio to St. Johns, N. F., whence it reached Washington by cable and telegraph. The means of sending the message back indicated that the U. S. S. Aroostook already had left Trepassey and that the destroyer line marking swiftly flying planes was rapidly breaking up.

The radio station at Bar Harbor, Me., intercepted direct messages from two of the seaplanes shortly after midnight. One message picked up at 12:27 o'clock was from the NC-1 calling the station ship No. 9, approximately 500 miles from Trepassey bay.

The first message from the Bar Harbor station to the navy department said:

"At 12:10 A. M. heard the NC-4 sending on four fifty meter, say: 'Passed 414. Signals very weak.'"

It was not certain at the department what the figures "414" meant.

The second message read:

"At 12:36 heard the NC-4 tell Cape Race (British radio station):

"Am receiving interference. Go ahead again."

TREPASSEY, N. F., May 16.—Three giant seaplanes of the American navy—the NC-3, NC-4 and the NC-1—rose late today from the waters of Trepassey bay and headed for the Azores, 1352 miles distant, in their attempt to cross the Atlantic by air. They are expected to make the trip in 18½ hours if all goes well.

Commanded by Commander John H. Towers, Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Read and Lieutenant-Commander P. N. L. Bellinger, the planes left their moorings at the head of Trepassey harbor and "taxied" towards the narrows. Then, rushing into a westerly wind, they took the air. The NC-3, the "flagship," rose at 7:32, the NC-4 two minutes later and the NC-1 at 7:41 (Newfoundland time, which is 1 hour and 30 minutes ahead of New York time). Within a few minutes they were lost sight of beyond the eastern horizon.

Aviators Are Cheered:

As they passed from view, natives of Newfoundland, who lined the shores of the land-locked bay, vied with Yankee sailors stationed here in sending away with a rousing cheer the American aviators starting on their epochal voyage.

The seaplanes shaped their course towards Corvo, westernmost island of the Azores, from which they expected to fly to Horta, on the island of Fayal, where they will descend if weather conditions or mechanical difficulties make it necessary, but they will go on if possible to Ponta del Gada, San Miguel island, 1352 nautical miles from this port. This leg of the cruise from Rockaway Beach, N. Y., the planes' home station, to Plymouth, England, is the only one which will require night flying.

Speed May Be Mile a Minute.

The planes were expected to maintain an average speed of 60 nautical miles an hour, although they are capable of making 90 miles if circumstances demand. Temperature was estimated at 60° F. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

U. S. SHOULD UNLOAD FLEET, SAYS MR. PIEZ

LEANINGS TOWARD FEDERAL OWNERSHIP CURED.

Ex-Head of Fleet Corporation, However, Advocates Limited Period of Government Supervision.

CHICAGO, May 16.—Charles Piez, who recently retired as general manager of the emergency fleet corporation, in an address tonight declared himself "permanently cured" of any embryonic leanings toward government ownership he might have entertained formerly, but advocated a limited period of government ownership and supervision, with private operation, of the merchant marine fleet.

"The fleet should be disposed of in toto, for unless that is done private shippers will buy the cream of the fleet and the government will be left to operate an ill-assorted and unprofitable remainder," he said, and added that such a sale in entirety would eliminate rate slashing certain to follow purchase by numerous concerns.

He said he doubted whether business men were keenly alive to the pressing importance of the overseas transportation system, but he believed that the country's foreign commerce could employ a fleet of 12,000 deadweight tons, which the shipping board could provide by carrying out its programme.

He advised against limitation of the programme by the new congress for economy's sake and expressed the belief that the entire steel tonnage construction would not cost more than \$50 a deadweight ton in excess of similar construction in foreign yards, adding that high freight rates would continue for some time to repay in part the

DOLLAR WORTH 12 MARKS

Rapid Depreciation of German Money Announced by Hoover.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Depreciation of the German mark makes it possible to convert one American dollar into more than three times as many marks as before the war, it was pointed out today by the American relief administration, subsequent to a receipt of a message from Director-General Hoover stating that a rate of 12½ German marks per dollar has been fixed with the German financial commission for transferring money to individuals in Germany for relief purposes.

The new rate will hold good during May. Other demand dollar exchange rates which have been fixed and which will apply until further notice, it was announced, were as follows:

Poland, 10½ marks; Finland, 9.10 marks; Czechoslovakia, 16½ marks.

RICHES PREFERRED TO ART

Crop of Oil Millionaires in Oklahoma Increases Rapidly.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The crop of oil millionaires is growing so fast in Oklahoma and other western states that the people have no time for art or refinement, except the brand of refinement that goes with oil, according to Professor Oscar B. Jacobson of the University of Oklahoma, who addressed the 10th annual convention of the American Federation of Art here today. Such things as art, literature and music, he said, were ignored because the people were so engrossed in getting rich over night by the discovery of gushers.

The federation has decided to take art "barnstorming" through the states, and waste places of the country to teach at least its fundamentals to the populace.

FEDERAL CONTROL LIKED

Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen Hit Private Ownership.

COLUMBUS, O., May 16.—That the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen will announce that its 155,000 members are opposed to restoration of the railroads to private ownership and management and in favor of some sort of government control, was the prediction today made by leaders of the organization, which is holding its biennial convention here.

Evolution action is uncertain, they said, but sentiment is overwhelmingly against a return to the old regime. It was declared that the men seem well pleased with their treatment during the war and feel that the government, if continued in control of the roads, would give them more satisfactory working conditions.

SUFFRAGE WIN FORECAST

Wilson Confident Texas Will Grant Franchise to Women.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Confidence that the men of Texas "will render gallant justice" to the women of the state in the forthcoming referendum on woman suffrage was expressed by President Wilson in a cablegram to Mrs. Minnie F. Cunningham, president of the Texas Woman Suffrage association, made public today at headquarters of the National American Woman Suffrage association.

WAR ZONE TO BE STUDIED

Tour to Complete Education of West Point Graduates.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—About 200 members of the present first class at West Point will get an opportunity to round out their military studies by personal observation of the battle fields of Europe.

Secretary Baker announced today that the officers would be sent overseas immediately after their graduation in June.

LABOR IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF STRIKE

More Unions Join in Walk-out at Winnipeg.

GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO ACT

Newspapers Suspend and Milk Depots Are Established.

NO VIOLENCE IS REPORTED

Deadlock Continues and There Are No Signs of Any Approach Toward Settlement.

WINNIPEG, Man., May 16.—Bitter deadlock between union labor in Winnipeg and leading industrial employers who refused to recognize the unions continued today, and, although it was known that the general strike which began yesterday morning was receiving the attention of federal, provincial and local officials, there were no signs tonight of any approach toward a settlement.

The postal tie-up and the walkout of employees in several railroad departments brought the situation to the floor of the house of commons at Ottawa today. A dispatch received from Ottawa by the Canadian Press said the following statement was made in the house this afternoon by A. K. MacLean, minister without portfolio:

Government Expected to Act.

"The minister of labor has been closely in touch with the situation at Winnipeg during the past ten days and he is being advised from moment to moment. He is ready at all times to do anything he can in the circumstances."

This statement was construed here to mean that the government was willing to co-operate in any movement to arbitrate the differences which caused the Winnipeg building and metal trades unions to strike and which was followed by the general walkout yesterday, which at present involves more than 60 unions and 30,000 members. Premier T. C. Norris and Mayor Charles Gray of Winnipeg, who tried to conciliate the opposing factions this week, failed to get the employers and the men together.

Sunday Parade Postponed.

Brigadier-General H. D. B. Ketchen, commanding officer of military district No. 10, which embraces the dominion territory from Port Arthur, Ont., west to the Saskatchewan border, announced today that the Decoration day parade set for Sunday has been postponed. He said that "all the troops in the city have been detailed for duty."

Publishers of daily newspapers decided today to suspend publication temporarily. Editorial staffs were kept on duty, however, and reports from every section of the city indicated that no serious disturbances have taken place.

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RADICAL PROPAGANDA RAMPANT, SAYS BAKER

PORTLAND MAYOR TALKS TO SEATTLE BUSINESS MEN.

Policemen and Patrol Wagon Are Used by Seattle Friends to Get Oregon Man to Lunch.

SEATTLE, May 16.—More than 8000 radical organizations are energetically spreading their propaganda in the United States, and "it is time for the American people to wake up," Mayor George L. Baker of Portland asserted here today following an address at the chamber of commerce and commercial club.

"I trust that our representatives in Washington," he added, "will give this subject some thought and meet it in a big way. I do not favor force. I favor fair treatment to all. It is within the hands of our representatives to save America for Americans. We need ships and our country can do no better thing than to continue its shipbuilding programme, thereby giving employment to a great army of workers, also providing our boys who served their country well an opportunity to earn an honest living at an honest wage."

While visiting in a downtown store today Mayor Baker was accosted by three policemen and bundled into a patrol wagon. Spectators gazed in wonderment at the quick arrest. The arrest, however, proved a fiasco, for several of Baker's friends reported to this means to get him to a dinner engagement and save taxi fare.

TUG, DREDGE MEN BOOSTED

Shipping Board Raises Wages of 1200 Employees on Vessels.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Wage increases were given by the shipping board today to 1200 employees of tugs and dredges.

Captains, foremen and engineers who formerly received \$202.50 and \$203.75 a month were advanced to \$215; foremen on smaller dredges were increased from \$182.75 to \$195; crane men from \$152.75 to \$165; firemen, oilers and watchmen from \$119.75 to \$135 and deck hands and scow men from \$108.75 to \$124.

THIEVES GET NEARLY \$7000

Loot Taken From Postoffice Greater Than at First Reported.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 16.—(Special.)—The robbers who entered the postoffice at Bellingham yesterday morning secured a much larger amount of booty than was at first reported.

The loot included \$6738 in war savings stamps, postal savings certificates, money orders, internal revenue stamps and cash. Besides this a draft book on the postmaster of New York and an official money order stamp were taken.

U. S. LOANS MORE MONEY

Total of Loans to Allies Now Is Nearly Ten Billion Dollars.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—The treasury today announced establishment of credits in favor of Great Britain of \$50,000,000, making a total for Great Britain of \$4,316,000,000 and in favor of Belgium of \$1,330,000, making Belgium's total \$340,500,000. Total credits to all allies now are \$6,376,210,000.

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CONGRESS' LEADERS PREPARE FOR WORK

House and Senate Members Plan Conferences.

HOUSE DEMOCRATS UNAGREED

Clark's Nomination for Speaker Arouses Opposition.

WILSON'S ABSENCE NOTED

Question of How to Inform President of Opening of Congress Is Discussed by Congressmen.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—Three conferences to agree on plans for organization of the new congress will be held tomorrow. Democratic senators will meet at 11 o'clock, democrats of the house plan to meet at noon and republican representatives will confer tomorrow night on ratification of the committee assignments proposed by the committee on committees.

Routine affairs only are claimed for consideration at the democratic senators' conference. Senator Martin of Virginia is scheduled for re-election as leader and the conference will frame a list of officers for formal presentation against the republican conference slate. Senator Pomeroy of Ohio is among those discussed for the democratic candidate for president pro tem. The democratic leaders expect the republicans to elect their officers and the conference slate to be selected tomorrow, therefore, is regarded merely formal. The conference will name a committee on committees to fix democratic committee places.

Clark Has Opposition.

Opposition to the choice of former Speaker Clark as the democratic nominee for speaker and party floor leader constitutes the chief point of interest in conference of house democrats. The group opposing Mr. Clark held a conference tonight.

House republicans expect their principal contest tomorrow night to center about the democrats and forces favoring an increase from five to nine in the membership of the party's steering committee. Leaders of the majority group tonight predicted that the question would be settled without difficulty, but Representative Longworth of Ohio, a leader in the fight for the change, declared that he would insist on final action by the conference.

Knutson May Be Opposed.

The republican committee on committees, meeting today, approved Knutson of Minnesota as the republican nominee for speaker, as well as the selection of Representative Mondell of Wyoming as floor leader and Representative Knutson of Minnesota as whip. Despite this, some republicans

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STATE TIES UP WATER RIGHTS ON DESCHUTES

MOVE TO DEVELOP BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT SEEN.

Bend Water, Light & Power Company Prevented From Installing 50,000 Horsepower Plant.

BEND, Or., May 16.—(Special.)—The state of Oregon has effectively tied up the entire flow of the Deschutes river above Bend, for years to come, at the behest of the federal government, according to an announcement made by Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, through T. H. Foley, manager of the Bend Water, Light & Power company. The new corporation is prevented from installing a 50,000-horsepower plant a few miles above Bend, planned for this year, and the present 1800-horsepower plant, located in this city, may be condemned if the water necessary to operate it is needed for irrigation. Withdrawal of water rights on the river above Bend, representing 70,000 horsepower, is said to be a preliminary move by the government to develop the 200,000-acre Deschutes irrigation project.

This is considered most feasible through the construction of a huge storage reservoir at Benham Falls, 19 miles above Bend, and to determine the advisability of constructing such a reservoir, a representative of the reclamation service will arrive here within the next month to make a thorough geological survey of the land. The withdrawal of water rights, it is said, is to prevent the necessity of numerous condemnation proceedings in case the government should decide on an inclusive irrigation programme.

From the power standpoint, further development on the Deschutes is halted except for that part of the stream lying below the point where it connects with Crooked river. Another stream which may furnish a solution to the problem confronting the local power company, is Tule creek, and petitions on this have already been offered to the corporation.

NATION TO HELP SOLDIERS

Campaign Starts to Bring Together Jobs and Service Men.

WASHINGTON, May 16.—A campaign intended to assist in securing employment for discharged sailors and soldiers was started today by the department of agriculture. Twenty-four thousand agents of the department in every community of the country were instructed by Secretary Houston to exert all efforts to bring together jobs and discharged men. The agents were told to ascertain how many men were needed in their respective communities, qualifications necessary and rates of pay.

It was announced at the war department that various field forces of other departments soon would engage in similar campaigns.

POPE ASKED TO INTERVENE

Cardinal Hartmann Would Save Germany From Breakdown.

COLOGNE, May 16.—(Havas.)—Cardinal Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, has requested Pope Benedict to intervene in the situation between the allied powers and Germany in order to protect Germany from the complete breakdown which menaces her.

In his appeal the cardinal asserted that the peace conditions would mean the utter ruin of Germany and be a cruel violation of the rights of 70,000 inhabitants of the country.

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GERMAN COUNTER PROPOSAL COMING

New Note Is Promised on Saar Question.

HUNS' GOOD FAITH DOUBTED

Former Notes, Say French, Long Ago Prepared.

AUSTRIANS IN NO HURRY

Position of Bela Kun in Hungary Shows No Sign of Weakening. One Polish Claim Denied.

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PARIS, May 16.—(Special Cable.)—The Germans have in preparation a new note on the Saar valley question, the first having been only a criticism, whereas this will contain a counter proposal. The allies' reply to the German note regarding prisoners of war, outlined yesterday, was withheld at the last minute for alteration and has not yet been forwarded.

The French considered that the German notes already received were prepared in advance of the coming of the delegation, as they contain no direct reference to the treaty.

Austrians in No Hurry.

The Austrian delegation will exchange credentials in a few days. The date has not been fixed, but the Austrians seem to be in no hurry and the conference would prefer it if the treaty with Hungary could be concluded at the same time, although recent news from Budapest conveys the fact that Bela Kun's position is not weakening.

The possibility of recognizing Admiral Kolchak's government as representing eastern Russia and Siberia on the same basis as the Ukrainians are acknowledged is undoubtedly being considered by the big five. This would be consonant with the scheme for weakening bolshevik influence which is being pursued by the allies. This policy is discernible in the plan for repatriating Russian prisoners in Germany, those from the Baltic provinces, Siberia and the Caucasus going home first, those regions being non-bolshevik.

Polish Claim Is Denied.

The big five have informed the Polish delegation that Poland's claim for part of the German mercantile fleet is inadmissible.

WILSON VISITS ST. GERMAIN

Austrians Are Resting and Delighted With Their Quarters.

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ST. GERMAIN, May 16.—(Special.)—President Wilson paid this delightful spot a brief visit this afternoon, apparently for the sole purpose of admiring the wonderful view of the Seine valley and of Paris from the terrace of the Chaumont garden. During his stroll he was within a few feet of the stockade surrounding the "Austrian territory," but he made no move to enter the inclosed area.

The Austrians spent a restful day, recovering from the fatigue of their long trip. They are delighted with the quarters assigned to them and are positively ecstatic over the real coffee, sugar and butter which they get.

Like the Germans in Versailles, they lost no time in laying in a large stock of soap, chocolate and pastries. Dr. Renner received this morning a brief message announcing his arrival. No other communications were sent off by the delegation. Their courier service is as yet unorganized. The credentials of the delegates will probably not be presented to the Cambon committee before Saturday.

At Versailles today there was complete tranquillity and a lull in the note writing of Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau. He is awaiting replies from the allies to his notes numbered 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

WIVES OF ALIENS OBJECT

California Women Advocate Change in Present Laws.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 16.—A resolution was introduced at the annual convention of the California Federation of Women's clubs today asking congress to legislate concerning the citizenship of American women marrying aliens and asking that they be treated as individuals, and "not as an accessory to a husband."

The resolution refers to the humiliation suffered by the women during the war who were married to alien enemies and thereby lost their American citizenship.

DITTEMORE IS ANSWERED

Christian Science Directors Say Dismissal Is for Harmony.

BOSTON, May 16.—The suit of John V. Dittmore to compel recognition of him as a member of the Christian Science board of directors was answered in the supreme judicial court Thursday by members of the board.

The defendants state that the plaintiff had long insisted upon the removal of the three trustees of the Christian Science publishing society and that he was himself dismissed as a director by a majority of the board in the interest of harmony.

