

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PROBLEM TAKEN UP
New States' Envoys Heard at Peace Conference.
HUGE WAR DEBTS PENDING
Disposition of Enormous Burden Is Proving Difficult Task—Some Exemptions Probable.

PARIS, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The envoys of the new states carved out of the former Austro-Hungarian monarchy were given a hearing today before the reparations committee to present their objections to the proposed solution of the Austro-Hungarian financial problem under which they would be held responsible for their share of the pre-war debt, the war debt, the war issue of currency and reparations and would be required to compensate Austria and Hungary as they will be constituted in the future for the value of the public buildings and property inside their limits.

The protests against this great burden were met sympathetically by the council of four, which has indicated its intention to the reparations sub-committee for a re-hearing. This submission will be supplemented by Franco-British representatives, who are understood to be opposed to any change.

The belief is held here that a new report will be made, exempting the new states from any payments on account of reparation for public property taken over.

The prime factor in the negotiations heretofore has been the fact that about 2,000,000,000 francs of the Austrian pre-war debt is held in France and the French government has promised to secure repayment to its nationals.

PARIS, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, today received a communication from Karl Renner, head of the Austrian delegation, complaining that the Austrian government in its financial straits and that the heavy expense of maintaining the delegation at St. Germain-en-Laye is creating a "regrettable strain."

PARIS, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The German peace delegation today sent three new notes to the secretariat of the peace conference. The notes deal respectively with reparations and responsibility, with German property in allied countries, and German religious missions abroad.

PARIS, May 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Information has been received from the American delegation that the counter-proposal to be made by Germany to the peace conference will declare in favor of military disarmament, saying that Germany is ready to reduce her forces to 250,000 within two months after the conclusion of peace, and by the expiration of another year to cut the size of the army down to 200,000 men.

It will be declared that in spite of internal disorders and the necessity for defending her frontiers, Germany thus agrees to disarm ahead of all other powers.

BERRIES WILL BE SCARCE
Offers of Washington Canners So High Market Is Cleared.

TACOMA, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—The canning and offering of berries at high prices for strawberries, and because of the demand from the Puyallup valley do not believe that prices will drop very low this season. Canners stand ready to take all the berries offered at \$2 a crate. At 10 cents a pound the grower stands to make as much as shipping to the commission houses, where berries must bring about \$1 a crate.

'SLIT SKIRT' IS APPROVED
California Officials Refuse to Bar Girl, in Spite of Protest.

SACRAMENTO, May 26.—Although Will C. Wood, state superintendent of public instruction, in response to a request from a teacher in the Yreka high school, ruled that the "slit skirt" was "immodest and should not be worn in the schoolroom," this type of apparel may still be worn in the Yreka school by the girl pupils.

WAGE INCREASE PROTESTED
Inland Empire Bond Holders Oppose Grant to Employers.

SPOKANE, May 26.—Attorneys representing bondholders of the Spokane & Inland Empire railway today made objection before a master in chancery, in federal court here, to granting to employees of the road, which is in the hands of a receiver, of wage advances ordered by the federal railroad administration.

MASSACRES OF JEWS TOLD
Conditions in Europe Presented to State Department.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Information regarding numerous Jewish massacres in central and eastern Europe during last March and April, forwarded by special representatives of the Jewish relief organization, was presented to the state department today by Representative Siegel of New York. Names of 24 Jews, who were slain, were given in the reports, which said many hundreds more about whom no definite information could be obtained were killed.

NEW SHIPPING RECORD SET
Consignment of Silk Carried From Japan to New York in 18 Days.

SEATTLE, May 26.—From the shores of Japan to the central freight station in New York in 18 days is the record just set in the trans-shipment of a consignment of silk. The Japanese Kansa Kaisha steamer Katori Maru brought the silk, consisting of 4725 bales of raw material and 814 cases of silk goods.

OFFICERS' DEATH PLANNED
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I. W. W. at Spokane in June of 1918, with no intention of respecting the pledge he signed as a member.

2 ESCAPE PENDLETON JAIL
Bars of Window Are Sawed While Sheriff Is Away.

PENDLETON, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—Taking advantage of a brief absence of Sheriff C. J. Hetherington, two prisoners confined in the county jail yesterday broke jail by sawing their way through the bars of a back window.

JUSTICE CHADWICK TO QUIT
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States senator and now it is believed certain that he will make the race. By his own written decision in the Black case, which has resulted in a gubernatorial nomination to Ernest Lister in 1912, Chief Justice Chadwick is ineligible for governor at the next election, as the supreme court term to which he was elected does not end until 1923, the date a new governor takes office, and the Black decision rules out a judge as candidate for any other office where the campaign falls within the judicial term to which he was elected.

Under a more recent supreme court decision by which Judge J. Stanley Webster left the bench to become a representative in the gubernatorial campaign from the 5th district, there is no such constitutional bar to a judge becoming a candidate for federal office, which is believed, leaves the way clear for Chief Justice Chadwick to file for the race.

RUSSIANS FIGHTING BOLSHIEVIKI TO BE RECOGNIZED
Russians Fighting Bolshieviski to Accept Covenant.

PARIS, May 26.—The council of four of the peace conference has decided conditionally to recognize the anti-bolshevik governments of Admiral Kolchak and General Denekine, according to Reuter's Agency here.

ASSEMBLY IS TO BE CALLED
Policy Adopted Will Enable Allies to Co-operate in Struggle Against Soviet Rule.

The policy adopted, it is added, will enable the allies to recognize and assist any force in Russia co-operating in the struggle against soviet rule because such recognition will be in force only until such time as the constituent assembly decides upon the permanent form of government. The regional governments will then expire automatically.

WILSON'S ACTION OPPOSED
Mount Tabor Methodist Church Would Keep Ban on Liquor.

A strong protest against President Wilson's action in regard to lifting the ban on the national liquor question was voiced in a resolution sent to the Oregon delegation at Washington yesterday by the Mount Tabor Methodist church.

REPUBLICANS LEAD IN HOOD RIVER
HOOD RIVER, Or., May 26.—(Special.)—Registration for the special election of June 3 has reached a total of 2502, according to Deputy County Clerk Shuman. The respective party segregation of men and women registrants are as follows: Republicans, 1027 and 689; democrats, 259 and 253; prohibition, 27 and 47; socialist, 61 and 27; miscellaneous, 60 and 32.

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GEMS' FINDER REWARDED
DAUGHTER OF 'LUCKY' BALDWIN LIBERAL TO ESTATE MANAGER.

Asked if \$200 a Month Would Not Have Been Enough, Woman Says It Wouldn't Pay for Cigarettes.

LOS ANGELES, May 26.—Mrs. Clara Baldwin Stocker rewarded her estate manager, Walter T. McGinley, with \$50,000 for recovering diamonds alleged to have been stolen from her, according to her testimony in the supreme court in the proceedings brought by her son, Albert E. Snyder of San Francisco. Mr. Snyder asks to have his mother declared incompetent to handle the \$100,000 estate left her by her father, the late E. J. ("Lucky") Baldwin, California turfman, and a trustee appointed for her properties.

"I don't think so," she replied. "My diamonds were worth you \$200,000."

Mrs. Stocker testified that before giving Mr. McGinley the \$50,000 she had been considering presenting him with Los Angeles property for his services in the diamond recovery. The income from this property was \$200 a month, she said.

"I wouldn't buy 'Walter's' cigarettes," the plaintiffs counsel brought out this testimony, she said, in an effort to prove that Mrs. Stocker had evidenced her incompetence by giving Mr. McGinley more than \$1,000,000 in money and property.

A telegram Mrs. Stocker sent from her Arcadia home near here last August to Mr. McGinley, New York, also was touched on. This read:

"I was told today you are married and have been for five years, and took your wife and child with you. Is this so?" "Why did you send that telegram?" Mrs. Stocker was asked.

"Because I wanted to know," she replied. "Oh, I just wanted to know. I didn't care if he had 40 wives."

WOMEN VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT
A wireless dispatch states that the defense committee of Moscow is appealing for women volunteers for military service, and admits that non-bolshevik troops are fighting in the outskirts of Riga.

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